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Research shows that the teams save lives and reduce the length of time patients have to stay in the hospital. The team may also reduce the risk of:

- Heart failure
- Infection
- Inability to breathe
- Kidney or liver failure
- Strokes

When are patients most likely to experience a change in their condition?

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Warning signs that may indicate a patient is getting sicker include:

- Changes in the heart rate
- Difficulty breathing on own
- A drop in blood pressure
- Using the bathroom less or more frequently
- Confusion, agitation or other mental status changes

How can a family member help?

If you notice a patient getting sicker very quickly, you should contact the patient’s nurse and request that the team be called.
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Can a patient or family member activate the team?

Yes. If you notice the patient becoming sicker very quickly, contact the patient’s nurse or contact the team by calling ___________. Team members will arrive within minutes to evaluate the patient.

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