

Introducing VGH's Critical Care Outreach Team



A team of specialized critical care staff is ready to reach out to your patient.

The **Critical Care Outreach Team (CCOT)** is starting at VGH November 3, 2008. By dialing 8000, an ICU Nurse and Respiratory Therapist will bring their expertise directly to the bedside. The team will work with you to assess your patient and help you care for them. In the process, the outreach team can help you augment your critical care knowledge and skills.

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Dial 8000

Call the Critical Care Outreach Team for any patient you are worried about or those experiencing early warning signs such as:

- > **Threatened airway**
- > **Respiratory rate**
<10 or >30 breaths/minute
- > **Oxygen saturation <90%**
- > **Heart rate <40 or >140 beats/minute**
- > **Systolic blood pressure <90 mmHg**
- > **Sudden change or decrease in LOC**
- > **Urine output <100ml over four hours**

What are this team's goals?

- > Improve patient care through early intervention of deteriorating patients
- > Decrease number of cardiac arrests
- > Promote timely transfers to and from ICU
- > Reduce morbidity and mortality
- > Promote continuity of care
- > Share skills and expertise through an educational partnership

What can you expect from the CCOT?

- > Respond to requests from ward staff based on early warning signs
- > Assist ward staff to care for deteriorating patients through sharing of critical care skills
- > Provide education and support to entire health care team
- > Follow up on ICU transfers

This team can only be successful if you call them. If you think a patient may be at risk of critical illness or their health condition seems to be deteriorating, dial 8000.

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