

Educational Resource



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Safety Huddles

Sites where the resource can be utilised: All HNELHD clinical, community, mental health, midwifery and aged care settings

Target audience All HNELHD staff involved in direct patient care

Purpose: To provide education surrounding Safety Huddles

Description: One page Safety Huddle information sheet and Power point presentation explaining the use of safety huddles.

Aim of resource: **To provide education surrounding the use of safety huddles in the clinical area.**

Keywords Safety, Huddles

Resource registration number

Replaces existing resource? No

Related Legislation, Australian Standard, NSW Ministry of Health Policy Directive or Guideline, National Safety and Quality Health Service Standard (NSQHSS) and/or other, HNE Health Document, Professional Guideline, Code of Practice or Ethics:

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WHY?

Safety Huddles may be seen as one way of aligning our standards of care and behaviour with the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards and the notion of compassionate care. Safety Huddles inform the multidisciplinary team around identification and management of high risk patients. Safety Huddles have been proven to reduce the number of clinical incidents in facilities where they are practised consistently and Safety Huddles build team work, allowing a whole team approach, with the potential to challenge negative workplace culture.

WHAT?

Safety Huddles are a rapid, multidisciplinary team meeting designed to flag high-risk patients and briefly discuss strategies for managing those patients during the shift. Safety Huddles can also be a multidisciplinary review of a fall; near miss fall; or other critical incident; led by a nursing unit manager (NUM) and held in consultation with the patient.

HOW?

Safety Huddles can be conducted daily; prior to the commencement of each shift; in response to an event; or more regularly, such as in areas of high patient flow, like an Emergency Department. Clear expectations should be set about time and place of regular Safety Huddles in each unit. At change of shift the outgoing Team Leader conducts a rapid stand up meeting around the electronic patient journey board (EPJB)(or similar area), with the oncoming team. The person leading the Safety Huddle should be prepared to participate with current knowledge of patient condition and risks.



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