

# Medical emergency team

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Glossary Item

**METEOR identifier:** 584962

**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Standard 04/09/2015

**Definition:** A team, usually consisting of specially trained medical practitioners and specialist nurses, which possesses the required skills and equipment to provide a patient with immediate on-site stabilisation and management, and to start discussions on appropriate limitations to medical intervention if indicated (for example, implementation of a 'Do not attempt to resuscitate' or 'Not for resuscitation' order).

**Context:** Admitted patient care

## Collection and usage attributes

**Comments:** The goal of the Medical Emergency Team (MET) is early recognition and response to change in a patient's condition, and to prevent further deterioration and to decide if enhanced levels of care are appropriate (for example, in the high-dependency or [intensive care units](#)).

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care/Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** See also [Cardiac arrest team](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 04/09/2015

See also [Intensive care liaison nurses](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 04/09/2015

See also [Rapid response team](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 04/09/2015

**Metadata items which use this glossary item:** [Episode of admitted patient care—rapid response team type, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 04/09/2015

[Hospital rapid response calls cluster](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 04/09/2015

[Intensive care unit](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Incomplete 17/10/2012
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 10/01/2018