

Assessing and Responding to a Deteriorating Child

Overview

Learn how to clinically assess the child at risk of deterioration and utilise critical thinking skills to respond and escalate treatment as appropriate to prevent further deterioration.

Relevance

The NSQHS Standards clearly outline the need for all healthcare staff to be proficient in the recognition of the deteriorating patient. In many cases, the deteriorating patient has shown signs well before they are recognised causing further disability or prolonged recovery times. Learning how to pick up on the subtle and more obvious cues and responding promptly has the potential to improve outcomes for all involved.

Purpose

The purpose of this webinar is to provide nurses working with paediatric patients an overview of how to recognise and respond appropriately to the very unwell and deteriorating paediatric patient.

Learning Outcomes

In this video learning activity, you will:

- Gain an awareness of the clinical assessment of the unwell child
- Receive information regarding the signs of deterioration
- Gain an understanding of the steps to respond to an acute deterioration
- Acquire knowledge of critical thinking skills involved in escalating care

Who is this for?

This Course is most relevant to midwives and nurses working with young children.

Speaker



Grace is a paediatric nurse with 12 years of experience in the paediatric intensive care environment. She completed a Masters of Nursing with a research project on the topic of analgesia and sedation in postoperative cardiac patients. Her roles have included those in education, quality and safety and recently she has been involved in the development of paediatric resuscitation courses for the Victorian branch of the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses.

Graces latest endeavour involves branching out with two colleagues to deliver education regarding the management of acute paediatrics to regional and rural centres in Victoria. The company PAEDS will provide tailored and affordable education to parts of Victoria that generally have less access to this specialised area.

