



ALERTTM

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A MULTI-PROFESSIONAL COURSE IN THE CARE OF THE ACUTELY ILL PATIENT

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Dear ALERT centre,

As you are aware, the third version of the ALERT course is currently being completed. The communication section is currently being developed and we are interested to know your views on the preferred system for communicating patient deterioration to others.

The NPSA has described two systems:

- SBAR, promoted by the IHI in the USA
- RSVP, developed as part of the updated ALERT course

Both are described in the The 'How to Guide' for Reducing Harm from Deterioration produced by Patient Safety First Campaign (www.patientsafetyfirst.nhs.uk) – see the full document

I would be keen to know which of these you would prefer us to include in the latest version of ALERT.

Please email back to alert.course@porthosp.nhs.uk indicating which you prefer. You need do no more than simply email one word – SBAR, RSVP or BOTH. However, if you wish to supplement your response with a comment, that would be helpful, also.

Please email back with one of the following:

SBAR
RSVP
Both

We will then ensure that the system(s) will then occur in the latest ALERT materials.

Many thanks

ALERT Course Team