



## About Safety Huddles

### What are the key elements of a safety huddle?

- Clinically led by most senior clinician
- Multi-professional
- Happens everyday
- Starts on time
- Quick
- Focus on safety issues “what might stop us keeping our patients safe?”

### What are the things the huddle might cover?

- “who are the patients we are worried about?”
- “who are the outliers?”
- “who are the patients most likely to fall?”
- “who are the patients most likely to develop pressure damage?”
- “are there any patients whose catheter can be removed today?”
- “which patients are planned to go home today?”
- “do any patients have an MRSA swab result due today?”
- “have all patients had their VTE risk assessment completed?”

In every case we want to consider

- What is the plan for this patient?
- Does everyone know what the plan is?
- Is everyone happy with the plan?

### How do Safety Huddles work best?

- Teams design and agree how it will work in their area
- The leaders embrace it
- The whole multi-professional team is involved
- Any member of the team can raise an issues without fear of retribution
- Huddles work practically for the area
- The team are empowered
- Huddles are held in the spirit of learning and improvement

### What other elements work well with a safety huddle?

A safety huddle on its own is good but added to a set with either or both of the following is even better...

- MDT Ward round
- Intentional Rounding
- Safety De Briefing