

# **RRS: A strategy for improving patient care and nursing work environment**

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The role of nurses in monitoring and detecting deterioration in patients is paramount to any hospital's success in preventing harm from delay in recognition and rescue. In this presentation, we will share the TTSH experience in conceptualisation, design and implementation of the in-house customised built Aggregated Warning Score (AWAS) system. This is an electronic physiological monitoring system that is linked to an algorithm for early warning score that provides guidance to the nurses on the response needed to manage the patients.

The nurses are only the first link in the rapid response chain, communication and teamwork in the multi-disciplinary team is vital for ensuring that the patients are reviewed and treated in a timely manner. This talk will shed some light on the pros and cons of early warning scores and considerations in the implementation hospital-wide.

We will also explore the evolution of parameter monitoring charts and advances in monitoring devices, and the impact of these on nursing effectiveness in patient surveillance and productivity.