

The New Zealand National Deteriorating Patient Programme

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New Zealand has designed and implemented a national Deteriorating Patient Programme based on 3 principles – no-one noticed, no-one listened, and no-one wanted all of this. A national detection system based on a blended EWS/MET model has now been introduced across almost every public and private hospital. A national patient/family escalation system is currently being piloted, and a national approach to Shared Goals of Care will follow in 2020. The mechanisms of national change will be discussed.