

BEACH

Bedside Emergency Assessment Course for HCAs

"The increasing complexity of healthcare, the ageing population and shorter length of stay, means that patients in hospital today need a higher level of care than ever before. It is essential therefore, that Hospital staff are equipped to recognise and manage deterioration confidently and competently. This is an area we know needs attention."

Competencies for Recognising and Responding to Acutely Ill Patients in Hospital, UK Department of Health Guidelines March 2009.



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The course for Health Care Assistants involved in recognising the deteriorating patient

BEACH is a course for Health Care Assistants using a structured and prioritised system of patient assessment to ensure early recognition of deterioration and provides clear strategies for communicating any signs of deterioration to colleagues.

The course is:

- **Easy and inexpensive to deliver**
- **Based upon simple, memorable concepts**
- **Supported by a comprehensive on line course administration system**

Each attendee receives a:

BEACH manual

BEACH certificate of attendance

Course Structure

The BEACH course is based around a simple, illustrated manual that covers basic signs of clinical deterioration, the appropriate action for HCAs to take and how and when to ask for help. It can be delivered in half a day using flip chart and / or slides.

HCAs have gained an increasingly important role in patient care and will often have close patient contact. **BEACH** improves the skill of recognising the deteriorating patient and teaches the importance of proactive communication with colleagues.

Content includes:

- Airway Problems
- Breathing Problems
- Circulation Problems
- Good Handover of Critical Information
- Prioritisation of workload

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