

CLINICIAN AND STAFF PEER SUPPORT

High-risk clinical scenarios

There are many different types of clinical events which can evoke a peer support response. Examples of high-risk situations that may induce a stress response include the following:

- Unanticipated clinical event involving a pediatric patient
- Unexpected patient death
- Preventable harm to patient
- Multiple patients with bad outcomes within a short period of time within one clinical area
- Patient who 'connects' to health care professional's own family
- Long term care relationship with patient death
- Failure to detect patient deterioration in timely manner
- Death in a young adult patient
- Notification of pending litigation plans
- High-profile patient
- Public emergency
- Health care professional who experienced a needle stick exposure with high-risk patient
- Death of a staff member or spouse of a staff member
- Workplace violence incidents