

Crisis Resource Management in ICU

CRM , initially termed Crew Resource Management, was first introduced in commercial Aviation in the early 1980s following a series of major aviation accidents. Breakdown of effective teamwork and communication had been identified as the main contributor to those disasters. The focus of CRM is on risk mitigation and error reduction through optimisation of team coordination and performance. In a wider sense, CRM principles are also applicable to the healthcare system in order to create a culture where patient safety is a priority. CRM training is still not systematically embedded in healthcare education and training despite human error still being a leading cause of death in hospitals all over the world. In this talk I will give an overview of CRM in the healthcare context, provide examples of CRM applied to real incidences in the ICU and review the literature in regards to CRM training in critical care.