

High Risk Clinical Scenarios

There are many different types of clinical events which can evoke a second victim 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
- Clinician experiencing his or her first patient death
- Failure to detect patient deterioration in timely manner
- Death in a young adult patient
- Notification of pending litigation plans
- Community high-profile patient/event
- Health care professional who experienced needle stick exposure with high-risk patient
- Death of a staff member or spouse of a staff member

Surveillance Teams

- House Managers
- ICUs
- Rapid Response Team
- Trauma Team
- Social Workers
- Chaplains