



# ReSPECT

## Recommended Summary Plan for Emergency Care and Treatment

Easy read information for patients,  
parents, partners and families



### 1- Introduction v2



**ReSPECT** stands for **Recommended Summary Plan for  
Emergency Care and Treatment**



This means it is a short plan about what should happen  
if a person needs health care or treatment in an  
emergency.



It is called ReSPECT for short



ReSPECT plans are made by a patient and healthcare  
workers working together.



They talk about what the person wants and what the  
choices may be.

A hand holding a black pen is writing on a purple and white ReSPECT form. The form has several sections with headings and checkboxes.

Then a ReSPECT plan is written down on a special form.



**ReSPECT is new**



ReSPECT is being used in some areas of the country, but not everywhere.



Ask your healthcare workers if ReSPECT is in your area yet.



ReSPECT is a way of making sure that healthcare workers know your choices in an emergency.



But if you do not have a ReSPECT plan, the healthcare workers looking after you must still do all they can to find out what you want in an emergency.



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