

Team Input

Definition: [Team](#) input is the active involvement of all team [members](#) in contributing [ideas](#), [feedback](#), [concerns](#), or [suggestions](#) during clinical, administrative, or strategic [decision-making](#).

Importance

- Encourages inclusive, well-informed decisions.
- Improves team morale and ownership.
- Promotes early identification of risks or inefficiencies.
- Fosters interprofessional collaboration.
- Drives [innovation](#) and [quality improvement](#).

When to Encourage Team Input

- During protocol or workflow redesign
- In morbidity & mortality reviews
- During daily huddles or rounds
- In staff meetings or debriefings
- While planning teaching or academic activities

Example

Operating room technicians highlight gaps in instrument availability. Their input leads to a revised surgical tray checklist, reducing delays and frustration.

Barriers to Effective Input

- Rigid hierarchies
- Time pressure or rushed meetings
- Fear of reprisal or being ignored
- Lack of follow-up on suggestions

Strategies to Encourage Input

- Flatten hierarchies during team discussions.
- Create safe, structured spaces (e.g. suggestion boxes, anonymous surveys).
- Acknowledge and act on valid contributions.
- Ensure diverse roles are represented in decision-making.

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