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- Review the benefits of conducting team huddles
- Review the differences between a team meeting and a team huddle
- Explore tips and strategies for developing an effective and engaging team huddle agenda
- Develop a plan for facilitating your next team huddle



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# Team Huddle Overview

### **Purpose**

Alignment: Focus efforts toward common goals and objectives

Information sharing: Facilitate the timely and efficient exchange of information

Collaboration and problem-solving: Create an opportunity to collaborate and problem-solve together

Building relationships: Foster a sense of community and connection

Accountability: Promote accountability by providing a platform to report progress, discuss obstacles, and receive feedback

Continuous improvement: Create an opportunity for reflection and continuous improvement



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# Benefits Time Efficiency Increased Engagement Focused Topics Enhanced Productivity Shortened Response Times Reduced Meeting Fatigue

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Team Huddle vs. Team Meeting





- Shorter in duration (15 minutes or less)
  Conducted more frequently
  Designed for quick updates, coordination, and alignment
  Smaller group of core team members
  Highly focused agenda
  Swift sharing
  Promote immediate action, accountability, and problem resolution
  Encourage brief discussions, quick decision-making, and rapid response



- Longer in duration (30+ minutes to several hours)
   Scheduled less frequently, such as weekly or monthly
   Focus on comprehensive discussions, presentations, and decision-making
   Involvement of a larger group of team members
   Agenda may cover multiple topics or projects
   Can involve detailed reporting, analysis, and brainstorming sessions
   Opportunities for in-depth collaboration, problem-solving, and strategic planning

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Tips and Strategies for Developing an Effective and Engaging Team Huddle Agenda



## **Huddle Preparation**

- Determine the outcomes or goals you want to achieve during the huddle. For example:
   Share project updates

  - Address urgent issues
     Make time-sensitive decisions · Collaborate on problem-solving
- Prepare and/or distribute agenda or materials in advance
- Allocate time for each agenda item:
  - Estimate how much time should be dedicated to each topic to ensure the huddle stays on schedule.





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### **Huddle Structure**

- · Establish time limits and enforce discipline
- Set ground rules for effective communication
- Encourage concise and focused discussion
- Delegate responsibilities to minimize distractions and maximize huddle efficiency





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### **Huddle Roles**

- Facilitator
- Create agenda, manages progress
- Note Taker Record key decisions, action items, etc.
- Timekeeper
- Ensures allocated times are respected
- Parking Attendant
   Identifies topics/conversations that need to be addressed outside of the huddle
- Action Advocate
  - Recaps any decisions to ensure team is clear about who is responsible for next steps





## **Huddle Challenges**

- Resistance to change
   Clearly communicate Team Huddle benefits and structure
- Manage distractions
  - Set ground rules and delegate roles
- Time constraints
  - Allocate time for prioritized topics and assign remaining topics to future scheduled meeting dates
- Foster inclusion
  - Rotate responsibilities and include fun activities
- Utilize technology
   Leverage tools that allow virtual participants to share and collaborate



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### **Team Huddle Planning**



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### **Planning Your Next Huddle**

- 1. Welcome and Introduction (1 min)
- 2. Team Updates (5 mins)
- 3. Priority Discussions (5 mins)
- 4. Action Items & Accountability (3 mins)
- 5. Wrap-up and Next Steps (1 min)





