

CCU.7 Patient care in coronary care unit is provided using a multidisciplinary approach.

- CCU.7.1 There is a multidisciplinary team that includes both CCU as well as non CCU members (CCU physician, CCU nurse, clinical pharmacist, respiratory therapist, dietitian, social worker, physiotherapist, and the consultant of the primary service under which the patient was first admitted).
- CCU.7.2 Medically necessary services are readily available and accessible at all times.
- CCU.7.3 Care is provided equally to all CCU patients whether inside the unit or those in other areas of the hospital (e.g., ventilated patients in emergency department).
- CCU.7.4 Care is coordinated amongst the multidisciplinary team members and documented in the patient's medical record.

CCU.8 The admission and discharge processes in the coronary care unit are coordinated.

- CCU.8.1 The physician in charge of the coronary care unit together with the most responsible physician jointly make the decision to admit and discharge patients from the unit.
- CCU.8.2 A summary of the coronary care stay is written by the physician and made available at the time of discharge from critical care to a lower acuity level.
- CCU.8.3 There is a documented evidence of handover between the coronary care physician and the unit physician at the time of transfer to a lower acuity of care.
- CCU.8.4 When the patient is discharged from the unit, the coronary care unit physician ensures that the receiving team on the floor is well informed about the patient's status and ongoing patient needs.
 - CCU.8.4.1 The patient's plan of care and medications are written in detail by the physician including how to continue them on the floor.
 - CCU.8.4.2 Any special care requirements are documented in the patient's medical record.

CCU.9 Nursing staffing plans are available in the coronary care unit.

- CCU.9.1 The nursing staffing plans demonstrate an evidence based nursing to patient ratio.
- CCU.9.2 The nursing staffing plans are matching the patient volume and patient acuity.

CCU.10 Nursing staff in the coronary care unit receive continuous training with competency assessment.

- CCU.10.1 Nursing staff in the coronary care unit receive training and education on the following general and intensive care related needs:
 - CCU.10.1.1 Assisting physicians in the different procedures performed in the coronary care unit including securing central line access.
 - CCU.10.1.2 Using pulse oximetry.
 - CCU.10.1.3 Recognizing critical ECG changes including arrhythmias.
 - CCU.10.1.4 Obtaining arterial blood gas samples and blood drawing from umbilical catheters.
 - CCU.10.1.5 Reading central venous pressure (CVP) and swan Ganz monitoring.
 - CCU.10.1.6 Knowledge of dosage range, side effects and complications of commonly used medications such as high alert medications used in coronary care including vasopressors, narcotics, and controlled medications.