

Standard Intent:

The patient care in the PICU should be coordinated among physicians, nurses, and other health care practitioners using a multidisciplinary approach. Staff need to have access to medical support services 24/7 all year round. Same level of care is provided to pediatric cases requiring intensive care but admitted in other units due to lack of bed space in PICU.

PICU.8 The admission and discharge processes in the pediatric intensive care unit are coordinated.

PICU.8.1 The PICU physician and the primary physician jointly make the decision to admit and discharge patients from the unit.

PICU.8.2 A summary of the intensive care stay is written by the pediatric ICU physician and made available at the time of discharge from pediatric intensive care to a lower acuity level.

PICU.8.3 There is a documented evidence of handover between the pediatric intensive care unit physician and the unit/ward physician at the time of transfer to a lower acuity of care.

PICU.8.4 When the patient is discharged from the PICU, the pediatric intensive care unit physician ensures that the receiving team on the floor is well informed about the patient's status and ongoing patient needs.

PICU.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.

PICU.8.4.2 Any special care requirements are documented (e.g., to watch for drainage tubes, tracheostomy care, and wound care) in the patient's medical record.

Standard Intent:

The admission and discharge processes should be coordinated among physicians, nurses, and other health care practitioners in the pediatric intensive care unit.

PICU.9 Nursing staffing plans are available in the pediatric intensive care unit.

PICU.9.1 The nursing staffing plans demonstrate an evidence based nursing to patient ratio.

PICU.9.2 The nursing staffing plans are matching the patient volume and patient acuity.

Standard Intent:

Nursing staffing plan should be available in pediatric intensive care unit to support nurse's assignments. The hospital must be consistent with any applicable laws and regulations regarding nursing responsibilities and clinical care.
