

ICU.6 Patient care in the adult intensive care unit is provided using a multidisciplinary approach.

- ICU.6.1 The multidisciplinary team includes both ICU as well as non ICU members. This includes but is not limited to: ICU physician, ICU nurse, clinical pharmacist, respiratory therapist, dietitian, social worker, physiotherapist, and the consultant of the primary service under which the patient was first admitted.
- ICU.6.2 Medically necessary services are readily available and accessible at all times.
- ICU.6.3 Care is provided equally to all critical care patients whether inside the unit or those in other areas of the hospital (e.g., ventilated patients in emergency department).
- ICU.6.4 Care is coordinated amongst the multidisciplinary team members and documented in the patient's medical record.

ICU.7 The admission and discharge processes in the adult intensive care unit are coordinated.

- ICU.7.1 The ICU physician and the primary physician jointly make the decision to admit and discharge patients from the unit.
- ICU.7.2 A summary of the intensive care stay is written by the ICU physician and made available at the time of discharge from intensive care to a lower acuity level.
- ICU.7.3 There is a documented evidence of handover between the intensive care unit physician and the unit/ward physician at the time of transfer to a lower acuity of care.
- ICU.7.4 When the patient is discharged from the unit, the intensive care unit physician ensures that the receiving team on the floor is well informed about the patient's status and ongoing patient needs.
 - ICU.7.4.1 The patient's plan of care and medications are written in detail by the physician including how to continue them in the floor.
 - ICU.7.4.2 Any special care requirements are documented (e.g., to watch for drainage tubes, tracheotomy care, and wound care) in the patient's medical record.

ICU.8 Nursing staffing plans are available in the adult intensive care unit.

- ICU.8.1 The nursing staffing plans demonstrate an evidence based nursing to patient ratio.
- ICU.8.2 The nursing staffing plans are matching the patient volume and patient acuity.

ICU.9 Nursing staff in the adult intensive care unit receive continuous training with competency assessment.

- ICU.9.1 Nursing staff in the adult intensive care unit receive training and education on the following general and intensive care related needs:
 - ICU.9.1.1 Fundamental critical care support.
 - ICU.9.1.2 Infection control principles.
 - ICU.9.1.3 Blood transfusion.
 - ICU.9.1.4 Use of the defibrillator.
 - ICU.9.1.5 Care of patients with tracheostomies.
 - ICU.9.1.6 IV therapy.
 - ICU.9.1.7 Pressure ulcer prevention and care.