



Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Standard Intents

NICU.1 Qualified physician is responsible for managing the neonatal intensive care unit.

NICU.1.1 The department head is a qualified Pediatrician with experience in neonatology (for level 1 and 2 NICU) and certified neonatologist (for level3 NICU).

NICU.1.2 The department head takes the overall responsibility for the operation of the unit.

Standard Intent:

Only qualified physician permitted by licensure, applicable laws and regulations, or certification manages the neonatal intensive care unit.

NICU.2 The neonatal intensive care unit nurse manager is a qualified registered nurse.

NICU.2.1 The nurse manager is qualified by education, training, and experience in neonatal intensive care.

NICU.2.2 The nurse manager develops and collaborates with NICU physicians and other departments as needed for developing policies and procedures for the unit (e.g., policies and practices related to infection control).

Standard Intent:

Only qualified Nurse permitted by licensure, applicable laws and regulations, or certification manages the neonatal intensive care unit.

NICU.3 Medical and nursing staff working in the neonatal intensive care unit have the appropriate cardiac life support training.

NICU.3.1 Medical staff working in neonatal intensive care unit are certified in Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP).

NICU.3.2 Nursing staff working in the neonatal intensive care unit are certified in Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP).

Standard Intent:

Medical and nursing staff working in the neonatal intensive care unit must have NRP.

NICU.4 The neonatal intensive care unit is covered by qualified physicians.

NICU.4.1 The neonatal intensive care unit is covered twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week by qualified neonatal intensive care physicians.

NICU.4.2 For a Level 3 unit, there is certified neonatologist to cover the unit during the on call hours.

Standard Intent:

Only qualified physicians permitted by licensure, applicable laws and regulations, or certification can work in the neonatal intensive care unit.

NICU.5 The neonatal intensive care unit has admission and discharge criteria.