

# Coronary Care Unit (CCU)

## STANDARDS

- CCU.1** **Qualified physician is responsible for managing the coronary care unit.**
- CCU.1.1 The department head is a physician qualified by appropriate education, training, and experience in managing intensive cardiac care patients/units.
  - CCU.1.2 The department head takes overall responsibility for the operation of the unit.
- CCU.2** **The coronary care unit nurse manager is a qualified registered nurse.**
- CCU.2.1 The nurse manager is qualified by education, training, and experience in coronary care units.
  - CCU.2.2 The nurse manager develops policies and procedures for the unit and collaborates with other departments as needed (e.g., policies and practices related to infection control).
- CCU.3** **Medical and nursing staff working in the coronary care unit have appropriate cardiac life support training.**
- CCU.3.1 Medical staff working in coronary care unit are ACLS-certified.
  - CCU.3.2 Nursing staff working in the coronary care unit are ACLS-certified.
- CCU.4** **The coronary care unit is covered by qualified physicians.**
- CCU.4.1 The coronary care unit is covered twenty four hours a day, seven days a week by physicians qualified in managing cardiac patients requiring intensive care.
- CCU.5** **The coronary care unit has admission and discharge criteria.**
- CCU.5.1 The coronary care unit identifies its own population based on age and diagnosis related groups.
  - CCU.5.2 The admission and discharge criteria are defined in writing.
  - CCU.5.3 Criteria for admission are based on physiological parameters.
  - CCU.5.4 The criteria are developed collaboratively between relevant staff.
  - CCU.5.5 In an open CCU setting, the Most Responsible Physician (MRP) is the admitting consultant, whereas in a closed CCU setting the MRP is the CCU physician/intensivist.
- CCU.6** **The coronary care unit has an effective handover process.**
- CCU.6.1 There is a documented evidence of handover between physicians at change of shift.
  - CCU.6.2 There is a documented evidence of handover between nurses at change of shift.
  - CCU.6.3 There is a documented evidence of handover between the CCU nurse and the unit nurse at the time of transfer to a lower acuity of care.