

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.