
Standard Intent:

The coronary care unit nurse manager is a person who has the clinical and managerial skills that enable him/ her to monitor nursing activities in the department and evaluate the staff activities; participate in initiate improvement activities within the unit such as quality improvement projects; establishing multidisciplinary policies and procedures collaboratively with other health disciplines. The nurse manager must be qualified by education, training, and experience in coronary care units.

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.

Standard Intent:

Medical and nursing staff working in CCU must have valid ACLS certificate to ensure that they have the knowledge and skills to manage any cardiac emergency.

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.

Standard Intent:

The Coronary Care unit must be covered by qualified physicians twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

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.

Standard Intent:

The decision of admitting any patient in the coronary care unit should base on comprehensive criteria that identified physiological parameters that reviewed by a qualified physician, Similarly the discharge from the unit should have comprehensive criteria to ensure that the patient is no longer need to be in the CCU. All medical staff should be familiar with these criteria as the CCU physician will be the MRP for all the cases admitting to the unit.

CCU.6 The coronary care unit has an effective handover process.