



INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (ICU) Admission and discharge criteria

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INTRODUCTION

Types of Admissions into ICU

- Planned admission 1.
- Emergency admission 2.



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ICUs can be categorized based on **operation** or **patient group**.

A.Types Of ICU Based On Operation Are.

1. **Open units** :

Primary physician is responsible for admission, treatment and discharge of the patient

1. Closed units:

Responsibility for admission, treatment and discharge of the patient is transferred to **a specialized ICU team**.

TYPES OF ICU

B.Types Of ICU Based On Patient Group.

1.General ICU:

Attend to surgical, medical, obstetric/gynecological, hematological and burns patients.

2.Specialized types of ICUs:

Attend to specific group of patients.

These include:

Neonatal icu, Pediatric icu, Cardiac Surgery icu, Cardio-Vascular icu

Respiratory icu....etc

WHO SHOULD BE ADMITTED TO ICU?

- The Intensive Care Unit is an expensive resource area and should be reserved for patients with reversible medical conditions
- Because ICU beds are expensive to run and are limited in number the ICU admission decision may be based models:
- 1. **Prioritization model**
- 2. <u>Diagnosis</u>, and
- 3. **Objective parameters models**
- These are used to <u>avoid blocking the chance of those patients with</u> <u>a reasonable prospect of substantial recovery</u>.

1.Prioritization model

SOCIETY OF CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE.

Priority 1:

- These are critically ill, unstable patients in need of intensive treatment and monitoring that cannot be provided outside of the ICU. Like ventilator support, continuous vasoactive drug infusions, etc.
- 2. Post-operative or acute respiratory failure patients requiring mechanical ventilatory support and shock or hemodynamically unstable patients receiving invasive monitoring and/or vasoactive drugs.

Prioritization model....

Priority 2:

These patients require intensive monitoring and may potentially need immediate intervention.

Examples patients with:

 Chronic comorbid conditions who developed acute severe medical or surgical illness.

Priority 3:

These unstable patients are **critically ill** but have a **reduced likelihood of recovery** because of underlying disease or nature of their acute illness. Examples: patients with:

Metastatic malignancy complicated by infection.

Priority 4:

- These are patients who are generally not appropriate for ICU admission.
- These patients can be placed in two categories:
- <u>A</u>. Little or no anticipated benefit from ICU care :
- Examples include patients with:
- **Peripheral vascular surgery**.
- **Hemodynamically stable diabetic ketoacidosis**.
- **Mild congestive heart failure**.
- **Conscious drug overdose..... etc**.

Prioritization model....

- B. Patients with terminal and irreversible illness facing imminent death.(too sick to benefit from ICU care).
- For example:
- **Severe irreversible brain damage**
- **Irreversible multi-organ system failure**
- Metastatic cancer unresponsive to chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy
- **Brain dead non-organ donors**.

2.DIAGNOSIS MODEL

Patient who need ICU care due to some specific diagnosis. Respiratory

- 1. Acute respiratory failure requiring ventilatory support
- 2. Acute pulmonary embolism with hemodynamic instability
- 3. Massive hemoptysis
- 4. Upper airway obstruction



Cardiovascular

- 1. Shock states
- 2. Cardiac arrest
- 3. Life-threatening dysrhythmias
- 4. Dissecting aortic aneurysms
- 5. Hypertensive emergencies
- 6. Need for continuous invasive monitoring of cardiovascular system(arterial pressure, central venous pressure, cardiac output)



Neurological

- 1. Severe head trauma
- 2. CVA with respiratory compromise
- 3. Status epilepticus
- 4. Meningitis with altered mental status or respiratory compromise
- 5. Acutely altered sensorium with the potential for airway compromise
- 6. Progressive neuromuscular dysfunction requiring respiratory support and / or cardiovascular monitoring (myasthenia gravis, Gullain-Barre syndrome)



1.Requirement for acute renal replacement therapies in an unstable patient

2.Acute rhabdomyolysis with renal insufficiency





Endocrine

- 1. DKA complicated by hemodynamic instability
- 2. Severe metabolic acidotic states
- 3. Thyroid storm or myxedema coma with hemodynamic instability
- 4. Hyperosmolar state with coma and/or hemodynamic instability
- 5. Adrenal crises with hemodynamic instability
- 6. Other severe electrolyte abnormalities, such as:
- Hypo or hyperkalemia with dysrhythmias or muscular weakness
- Severe hypo or hypernatremia with seizures, altered mental status
- Severe hyperkalemia with altered mental status, requiring hemodynamic monitoring.



Gastrointestinal

- 1. Life threatening gastrointestinal bleeding
- 2. Acute hepatic failure leading to coma, hemodynamic instability
- 3. Severe acute pancreatitis



Hematology

- 1. Severe coagulopathy and/or bleeding diathesis
- 2. Severe anemia resulting in hemodynamic and/or respiratory compromise
- 3. Severe complications of sickle cell crisis
- 4. Hematological malignancies with multi-organ failure



Obstetric

- 1. Medical conditions complicating pregnancy
- 2. Severe pregnancy induced hypertension/eclampsia
- 3. Obstetric hemorrhage
- 4. Amniotic fluid embolism



Multi-system

- 1. Severe sepsis or septic shock
- 2. Multi-organ dysfunction syndrome
- 3. Polytrauma
- 4. Hemorrhagic fevers
- 5. Drug overdose
- 6. Environmental injuries (near drowning, severe hypo/hyperthermia)
- 7. Severe burns



Surgical

High risk patients in the peri-operative period

Post-operative patients requiring continuous hemodynamic monitoring/ ventilatory support, usually following:

- 1. Vascular surgery
- 2. Thoracic surgery
- 3. Airway surgery
- 4. Craniofacial surgery
- 5. Major orthopedic and spine surgery
- 6. General surgery with major blood loss
- 7. Neurosurgical procedures



3.Objectives parameters model

Physical Findings (Acute Onset)

- 1. Unequal pupils with loss of consciousness
- 2. GCS < 8
- Burns > 10% BSA
- 4. Anuria
- 5. Airway obstruction
- 6. Continuous seizures
- 7. Cyanosis
- 8. Cardiac tamponade

Glasgow Coma Scale

∆ Eye opening

Spontaneous	- 4
To speech	- 3
To pain	- 2
None	- 1



∆ Verbal response

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∆ Motor response

Obeys commands	- 6
Localises pain	- 5
Flexion to pain	- 4
Abnormal flexion	- 3
Extension to pain	- 2
None	- 1

Oriented		5
Confused	-	4
Inappropriate words	-	3
Incomprehensible words	-	2
None	-	1

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•Total score : 15	
- Mild head injury : 13-15 - Moderate head injury : 9-1	2
- Severe head injury . < 8 (3)	-8

Objectives parameters model....

Vital Signs

- 1. Respiratory rate ≥ 40 or ≤ 8 breaths/min
- 2. Oxygen saturation <90% on \geq 50% oxygen
- 3. Pulse rate <40 or >140 beats/min
- 4. Systolic blood pressure <80 mm Hg

Patients who are generally not appropriate for icu admission

- 1. Irreversible brain damage
- 2. End stage cardiac, respiratory and liver disease with no options for transplant
- 3. Metastatic cancer unresponsive to chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy
- 4. Brain dead non-organ donors
- 5. Patients with non-traumatic coma leading to a persistent vegetative state



persistent vegetative state

Discharge criteria

- 1. When a patient's **physiologic status has stabilized** and the need for ICU monitoring and care is no longer necessary
- When a patient's physiological status has deteriorated and active interventions are no longer planned, discharge to a lower level of care is appropriate
- Once the patient can breathe unaided, and no longer needs intensive care, he/she will be transferred to a different ward to continue his/her recovery.
- This will usually either be <u>a high dependency unit (HDU</u>), which is one level down from intensive care, or <u>a general ward</u>.

Discharge criteria

- 1. Stable hemodynamic parameters
- 2. respiratory status (patients extubated with stable arterial blood gases)
- 3. Oxygen requirements not more than 60%.
- 4. Intravenous inotropic/vasopressor support and vasodilators are no longer necessary.
- 5. Cardiac dysrhythmias are controlled
- 6. Neurologic stability with control of seizures.
- 7. Patients who require chronic mechanical ventilation (e.g. motor neuron disease or cervical spine injuries) critical problems reversed or Resolved
- 8. Patients with tracheostomies who no longer require frequent suctioning



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