

## **449.61232 Intensive care facility: Staff**

### **1.**

The administration of intensive care units in an approved hospital for patients recovering from or awaiting open-heart surgery must be under the direction of a qualified physician approved by the cardiac surgeon.

### **2.**

A nursing supervisor must be permanently assigned to the intensive care units designated for cardiac surgery patients. The supervisor must have not less than 2 years of experience in intensive care nursing and not less than 1 year of current experience in intensive care nursing of patients recovering from open-heart surgery.

### **3.**

The nursing supervisor and the surgical team shall: (a) Provide organized training and continuing in-service education to each nurse; and (b) Determine that each nurse is qualified to perform services related to postcardiac surgery, before assigning the nurse without direct supervision to full-time or periodic duty in the intensive care units.

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**4.**

One nurse on each shift must be designated as the nurse in charge for the intensive care units. There must be one nurse for not more than two cardiac surgery patients in the intensive care units for the first 24 hours after surgery.