

70495 Intensive Care Service Staff

(a)

A physician with training in critical care medicine shall have overall responsibility for the intensive care service. This physician or his designated alternate shall be responsible for: (1) Implementation of established policies and procedures. (2) Development of a system for assuring physician coverage. (3) Final decision regarding admissions to and discharges from the unit. (4) Assuring there is continuing education for the medical staff and nursing personnel.

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(b)

A registered nurse with training and experience in intensive care nursing shall be responsible for the nursing care and nursing management of the intensive care unit when a patient is present.

(c)

All licensed nurses shall have training and experience in intensive care nursing.

(d)

There shall be not less than two nursing personnel physically present in the intensive care unit when a patient is present. At least one of the nursing personnel shall be a registered nurse.

(e)

The nurse:patient ratio shall be 1:2 or fewer at all times. Licensed vocational nurses may constitute up to 50 percent of the licensed nurses.

(f)

An inhalation therapist, physical therapist and other supportive service staff shall be available depending upon the requirements of the service.