

# INNOVATION IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT DESIGN AND POLICY

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#### Full term Abb. **AAH** Academy of Architecture for Health **AAST** American Association for the Surgery of Trauma **ACE** Angiotensin converting enzyme **ACS** Acute coronary syndrome **ACTH** Adreno cortico tropic hormone AIA American Institute of Architects **AIS** Abbreviated Injury Score **ALF** Acute liver failure **ALL** Acute lymphocytic leukemia **AMI** Acute myocardial infarction **AMI** Acute mesenteric ischemia AP Anatomic Profile **APACHE** Acute physiology and chronic health aPTT Activated partial thromboplastin time **ARAS** Reticular activating system **ARDS** Adult respiratory distress syndrome **ARF** Acute renal failure **ASA** American Society of Anesthesiologist A Severity Characterization of Trauma **ASCOT ASIA** American spinal injury association **ATLS** Acute tumor lysis syndrome **ATN** Acute tubular necrosis ATS American Thoracic Society Atrio ventricular $\mathbf{AV}$

# Abb. Full term

**AVM** Arterio venous malformation

**BMI** Body mass index

**BTS** British Thoracic Society

**CABG** Coronary artery bypass graft

**CAP** Community acquired pneumonia

**CCO** Critical care outreach

**CHF** Congestive heart failure

**CK** Creatine kinase

**CK-MB** Creatinine Kinase M band

**CMI** Chronic mesenteric ischemia

**CNS** Central nervous system

**COPD** Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

**CPOE** Computerized Physician Order Entry

**CRAMS** Circulation, Respiration, Abdomen, Motor, Speech

**CRRT** Continuos Renal Replacement Therapy

**CSSD** Central Sterile Supply Department

**CT** Computed tomograph

**CVP** Central venous pressure

**CXR** Chest X ray

**DAI** Diffuse axonal injury

**DIC** Disseminated intravascular coagulation

**DKA** Diabetic ketoacidosis

**DNR** Do not resuscitate

## Abb. Full term

ECG Electrocardiogram

**ED** Emergency department

**ERCP** Endoscopic retrograde cholangio pancreatography

**ESCC** Epidural spinal cord compression

**EWS** Early-warning score

**FEV** Forced expiratory volume

FIO2 Fraction of inspired oxygen

**FOUR** Full Outline of Un Responsiveness

**FVC** Forced vital capacity

GCS Glascow coma score

**GFR** Glomerular filtration rate

**GIT** Gastro intestinal tract

**HAART** Highly active antiretroviral therapy

**HARM** Harborview Assessment for Risk of Mortality

**HCV** Hepatitis C virus

**HDU** High Dependency Unit.

**HELLP** Hemolysis, elevated liver enzymes, low platelets

**HHS** Hyperosmolar hyperglycemic non ketotic syndrome

**HIV** Human immunodeficiency virus

**HOCM** Hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy

**HRS** Hepato renal syndrome

**HTN** Hypertension

**HVRs** High visible rooms

#### Abb. Full term

ICD Implantable cardioverter defibrillator

**ICD** International Classification of Diseases

**ICF** Intra cellular fluid

**ICH** Intracerebral haemorrhage

ICISS International Classification of Diseases based Injury Severity Score

ICU Intensive care unit

**IE** Infective endocarditis

**IEEE** Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

**INR** International normalized ratio

**ISS** Injury Severity Score

**Kph** Kilo per hour

**LBBB** Left bundle branch block

LV Left ventricle

**LVRs** Low visible rooms

**MELD** Model for end-stage liver disease

**METs** Medical emergency teams

MRI Magnetic resonance imaging

MSCC Malignant spinal cord compression

MVCs Motor vehicle crashes

**NASH** Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis

**NCCU** Neurocritical care units

NG Naso gastric

**NIBP** Non-invasive measurement of blood pressure

Abb.	Full term
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NISS	New Injury Severity Score
NOMI	Nonocclusive mesenteric ischemia
NSAIDS	Non steroidal anti inflammatory drugs
NSU	Neuro science ICU
OIS	Organ Injury Scale
PA	Pulmonary artery
PATI	Penetrating Abdominal Trauma Index
PC	Prothrombin concentration
PCI	Per catenous coronary intervention
PCP	Pneumocystis pneumonia
PPCM	Peripartum cardiomyopathy
PT	Prothrombin time
PTH	Parathormon hormone
PTHrP	parathyroid hormone-related protein
RBCs	Red blood cells
RIFLE	Risk, Injury, Failure, Loss, End stage
RPLS	Reversible posterior leukoencephalopathy syndrome
RR	Respiratory rate
RRT	Renal Replacement Therapy
RRTs	Rapid response teams
RTS	Revised Trauma Score
RV	Right ventricle
SAH	Sub arachnoid haemorrhage
SAH	Subarachnoid hemorrhage

#### Full term Abb. **SBP** Spontaneous bacterial peritonitis **SBP** Systolic blood pressure Society of Critical Care Medicine **SCCM SCI** Spinal cord injury **SDH** Subdural hemorrhage SE Status epilepticus **SIRS** Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome **SOFA** Sequential Organ Failure Assessment **SRR** Survival Risk Ratios **STEMI** ST segment myocardial infarction **SVC** Superior vena cava syndrome **TBI** Traumatic brain injury TBSA% percentage of total burn surface area **TLC** Total leucocytes count **TRISS** Trauma and Injury Severity Score TS Trauma Score UK United kingdom **UOP** Urine output Upper rate limit **URL URL** Upper rate level V/Q ventilation/ perfusion venous thromboembolism **VTE WBCs** White blood cells **WPW** Wolf Parkinson white syndrome

#### INTRODUCTION

The intensive care unit is a highly specified and sophisticated area of a hospital which is specifically designed, staffed, located, furnished and equipped, dedicated to management of critically ill patients, injuries or complications. It is a department with dedicated medical, nursing and allied staff. It is operated with defined policies, protocols and procedures, having its own quality control, education, training and research programs. It is emerging as a separate specialty that has to have its own separate team in terms of doctors, nursing personnel and other staff who are tuned to the requirement of the specialty (Narendra et al., 2010).

In 1997 a task force of the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM) published a paper aimed to describe minimum requirements for intensive care departments. These recommendations had an impact on guidelines of national intensive care societies as well as legislative documents (e.g., in Greece). Since then intensive care medicine and even more the conditions of its practice have changed considerably causing the need for an update of these recommendations. In 2008 the ESICM Working Group of Quality Improvement (WGQI) addressed this task and was endorsed by the ESICM council and the ESICM executive committee (Andreas Patrick, 2011).

The old concept of identifying the intensive care units as just a separate area with high-tech equipment no longer holds true. The sheer volume of technology, the unfamiliar, sterile surroundings, lack of privacy, constantly revolving medical teams, incessant noise and glaring light, and the lack of natural forms, materials, and sensory experiences all are considered to be a traumatic experience for the patient and his family. As a result, the patients feel trapped in an environment they dislike and cannot control and their families feel helpless so patients and their families are asking for friendly environments that have a more natural feel and look. For that reason the patientcentered design has become the hallmark of most new construction in the health care field where the intensive care unit design should provide comfort to patients, reduce hospital acquired infections and cost of intensive care unit stay. Consequently, improved décor, more privacy, reduced environmental stressors, natural surroundings, and greater patient control are becoming common concerns (Alex, 2004).

The ICU Design Team should be approached by a multidisciplinary team consisting of the ICU medical director, chief the ICU nurse manager, the architect, administration, and the operating engineering staff (Suzanne et al., 1995).

The effective team communication and coordination are recognized as being crucial for improving quality and safety in

acute medical settings such as the intensive care unit (Reader et al., 2006).

The intensive care unit is a dynamic environment with often rapidly changing patient conditions. We have to provide daily, timely information on the patient's condition. Families will be asked to identify a spokesperson that will then be able to inform family and friends about the patient's condition. This ensures that information about the patient is given to the appropriate people. Also, it decreases the number of enquiries that staff receives about each patient. Additional information is available at reception describing the benefits and risks of various procedures the patient may undergo as part of their treatment (Reader et al., 2006).

An ICU should have a policy for patient admission, discharge and deaths as well as policy for patient's management, transferring and procedures done (Robert and Royal, 2010).

Units smaller than 5 or 6 beds are inefficient to operate and manage, It is important to suggest that units larger than 8–9 beds are difficult to design with high quality observation from a central position, which has been a fundamental principle of ICU design from the beginning. If larger numbers are required, suggestion of breaking them into pods or clusters of 7 or 8 beds, grouped together to form a larger department under single management (Kirk, 2010).