



MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR HOSPITALS SEEKING ACCREDITATION FOR FOUNDATION TRAINING FOR INTENSIVE CARE

All ICUs accredited for General Intensive Care training are suitable for Foundation training.

For ICUs not accredited for General training:

1. The ICU must be established and operational:
 - a) Minimum 5 beds with simultaneous invasive ventilation capacity of at least 3 beds;
 - b) Minimum case load of ICU patients of 250 admissions annually:
 - Broad case mix including both general medical and surgical patients
 - Reasonable patient illness acuity including some patients who receive invasive ventilation for more than 24 hours
 - c) At least one Intensive Care Specialist who is a fellow of the College (FCICM) and who has a significant clinical role within the unit;
 - d) Established policies and procedures covering admission, discharge and common clinical situations;
 - e) Established policies and procedures for transport of patients into the ICU and out of the ICU to an appropriate, higher level facility;
 - f) Appropriate numbers of trained and experienced nursing staff:
 - It is expected that the majority of nursing staff will have undertaken or be engaged in post-graduate training in Intensive Care
 - g) Capability for and regular use of invasive haemodynamic monitoring and invasive and non-invasive mechanical ventilation;
 - h) Capability for and regular use of non-invasive ventilation;
 - i) ICU participation in emergency (e.g. MET or cardiac arrest) and outreach programs;
 - j) Availability of teaching and resource material (internet access, text books, journals etc.);
 - k) Established review processes (e.g. QA, M&M, critical incident monitoring, clinical indicators);
 - l) Medical Director with an appropriate specialist qualification;
 - m) Nurse Manager with an appropriate, post-graduate qualification;

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2. The trainee appointment must be substantially in Intensive Care. Some participation in the clinical activities of an associated unit is allowable, especially for 'out-of-hours' practice (eg. cross cover with anaesthesia);
3. An appropriately trained and experienced medical specialist must supervise the clinical practice of the trainee. Supervision must be available at all times;
4. There must be a structured education program in which the trainee participates. If the program is hospital-based, there must be a significant Intensive Care component.

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