The Surgical/Trauma ICU is a sixteen bed multidisciplinary critical care unit that primarily cares for complex critically ill surgical and multi-trauma patients and their families. As Central New York’s only Level One Trauma Center we care for the most critically injured patients from a 14 county referral area from the Canadian border to Pennsylvania. In addition to the trauma patient, the unit’s primary patient population includes: general, ENT, vascular, orthopedic, transplant, and genitourinary surgery. We also care for neurosurgical, thoracic, and medical ICU patients.

**Quality of Care**
The Surgical/Trauma ICU staff is committed to providing the highest quality multidisciplinary care to both patients and families. A collaborative team of nurses, physicians, respiratory therapists, physical and occupational therapists, case managers, social workers, clergy, and dieticians provide care driven by best practice. The use of this multidisciplinary approach allows us to achieve optimal results and is a source of satisfaction for both patients and staff.

**Education**
Orientation of new staff is competency based and follows a partnership model where the orientee is encouraged to lead the process as much as possible. This provides a safe environment for growth and development for staff that are new to the critical care environment. Formal classroom training is provided in conjunction with unit based hands-on education from unit based preceptors and experienced unit staff.

Opportunities for professional growth and development are nurtured and supported by the unit based Clinical Trainer, Unit Leadership Team and a Clinical Nurse Specialist.

Professional certification and recertification as a CCRN® is financially supported and encouraged. The Unit is particularly proud of its growing number of certified nurses.

The Surgical/Trauma ICU staff also coordinates and presents the annual *Innovations in Care Nursing Symposium*. Growing since 1999, this symposium boasts an annual attendance of over 150 participants and attracts both regional and nationally known speakers who are involved in setting current trends and best practices in the critical care environment.

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