

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES: PATIENT APPROPRIATENESS FOR ADULT ICU ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGE

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GUIDELINES:

1. Patients with acute respiratory dysfunction / Requires mechanical ventilation
 - a. Requires frequent pulmonary interventions or monitoring that cannot be provided on general medical floor
 - b. Requires ventilation with anticipation of short-term weaning (i.e., not chronically ventilator dependent)
 - c. Requires short ventilator course while other factors are being mitigated (i.e., awakening from alcoholic stupor)
2. Hemodynamically unstable patients
 - a. Actively bleeding with need for massive resuscitation
 - b. Hypothermia
 - c. Requires pressors, inotropes, or antiarrhythmics
 - d. Requires arterial line
3. Patients with an abnormal neurologic status.
 - a. TBI requiring ICP monitoring
 - b. Traumatic brain injury requiring close observation and manipulation of therapies to treat cerebral perfusion pressure
 - c. Spinal cord injury in neurogenic shock
 - d. Neurologic dysfunction from minor brain contusion or extraneous causes
4. Patients who require frequent monitoring
 - a. High grade solid organ injuries
 - b. High risk extremity injuries requiring frequent neurovascular checks
 - c. Physician discretion