

Intensive Care Objectives

Students assigned to the Intensive Care Unit will:

1. Provide care to selected patient(s) under the direction of the I.C.U. staff or, when necessary, the instructor.
2. Identify and meet the basic needs of these patients.
3. Correlate diagnosis to meet specific needs:
 - a. Research chart and other materials to have working knowledge of diagnosis.
 - b. Be aware of common laboratory findings and accepted standards.
 - c. Know medications being given:
 - i. classification and purpose
 - ii. route of administration
 - iii. usual dose
 - iv. side effects
4. Observe special procedures.
5. Perform procedures as taught, under direction of I.C.U. staff or if necessary, instructor.

In addition students should:

1. Report to unit to receive report on assigned patient.
2. Check patient's vital signs, and monitor alarms, if in use.
3. Assist patient with needed procedures.
4. Check chart, especially previous 24 hours, nursing care, I & O medications with patient's response to these.
5. Bathe and care for patient as indicated.
6. Request help when needed from ICU personnel or instructor.
7. Be alert for new procedures or problems with other patients in the unit and participate as needed and allowed.
8. Report to co-assigned worker on patient before leaving the unit.
9. Keep up with report changes in nursing care.
10. Reserve time to study chart and keep yourself current.