



# Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

## DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

### INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

### POLICY AND PROCEDURE

**SUBJECT:** ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES:  
Intensive Care Unit

**Policy No.:** ICU001  
**Supersedes:** ALL  
**Revised Date:** 03/2023  
**Page:** 1 of 1

---

#### **PURPOSE OF PROCEDURE:**

To define the guidelines for completing the Intensive Care Unit patient care assignment.

#### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

The process for assigning nursing staff to provide patient care is based on the consideration of the following criteria:

- A. Patient Safety
- B. Patient Acuity: The complexity of the patient's condition and required nursing care.
- C. Staffing Ratios
  - 1. The nurse-to-patient ratio must be maintained at a maximum of 1:2 at all times. This includes breaks, in-service, code blue response, code assist, rapid response, sepsis etc.
  - 2. AB 394 guidelines will be followed.
- D. Experience and skill set of the nurse
  - 1. Nurses in ICU must have basic critical care training.
  - 2. Nurses are assigned to patient care based on clinical experience.
  - 3. Only nurses from PCU who have completed the DHS Core Critical Care Program may float to ICU.
  - 4. Float nurses will have an ICU nurse available as a resource.
- E. Continuity of care will be taken into consideration.

---

**Revised by:** Jungyim Oh, RN, CCRN, Ramon Enage, RN, CCRN,

#### **Reference:**

Evalysis Patient Classification System Data Collection form California Code of Regulations May 5, 2013: 22 CA ADC 70495 2016 Catalyst System, LLC  
*California Code of Regulations - Title 22. 70217. Nursing Service Staff:*  
[https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I8612C410941F11E29091E6B951DDDF6CE?viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=\(sc.Default\)](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I8612C410941F11E29091E6B951DDDF6CE?viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=(sc.Default))

---

Revised: 04/99, 09/01, 09/02, 06/13, 9/14, 01/17, 05/2020, 03/2023,

ICU01 (formerly SCU 01)