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INTENSIVISTS PROGRAM



WHAT IS AN INTENSIVIST

The critical care specialist, sometimes called an INTENSIVIST, will work in conjunction with a team of other ICU (Intensive Care Unit) professionals to provide around-the-clock intensive care in the 36 bed ICU of the hospital's North Tower. The Intensivist acts as a team leader, working closely with primary care physicians, specialists, therapists, and staff to make sure each patient on the North Tower receives optimal care for their specific needs. Intensivists are board certified physicians, trained to treat a broad range of complex medical conditions for those patients who are critically ill. They have advanced skills for performing specialized lifesaving bedside procedures.

An Intensivist will be onsite 24/7 to work with associates, physicians, patients and their family members. Once contacted, they will be available to provide face-to-face communication with the patient's family. This ability to immediately react to changing circumstances has been shown to bring about dramatic improvement in patient outcomes and satisfaction.



What are the benefits to the patients? *The difference is 24/7.*

When a medical emergency occurs a doctor who is board certified in critical care is available to provide immediate assistance in person.

The benefits associated with the presence of an Intensivist:

- ◆ Decreased mortality
- ◆ Improved outcomes
- ◆ Reduced ICU length of stay
- ◆ Fewer clinical and procedural complications
- ◆ Reduced cost per case
- ◆ Fewer adverse events
- ◆ Improved patient, family, private physician and staff satisfaction
- ◆ Focus on patient safety
- ◆ Improved morbidity
- ◆ Decrease in ventilator days and associated complications
- ◆ Decrease in hospital acquired infection
- ◆ Appropriate placement of patients in the correct level of care

Benefits to physicians:

- ◆ The assurance that an Intensivist level of care for critically ill patients is available around-the-clock.
- ◆ The ability to entrust medical care to intensive care specialists for surgical patients.
- ◆ Prompt communication to the physician regarding the patient status and the course of treatment at the time of the patient's change in status.
- ◆ Opportunity to visit patient and family to provide updates as well as social support.