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## Admission

### Purpose:

1. To assure that patient's admitted to the ICU are made comfortable as possible and that therapy begins in a timely and organized manner.
2. To assure that patients admitted to the ICU are completely assessed within 15 minutes of arrival to the unit.
3. To assure that necessary interventions are implemented as soon as possible.

### Policy:

1. Upon presentation to the ICU, patients are assisted to a fluoroscopy or otherwise MD ordered bed by the transporting and receiving staff.
2. All patients in the ICU shall have a patent intravascular access throughout the ICU stay unless otherwise ordered by the physician.
3. The unit physician upon arrival shall write a complete set of physician's orders to the unit. Should the physician be busy at the time of admission, orders shall be written within the next 4 hours. All previous orders prior to admission to the ICU are canceled.
4. All ICU patients shall be placed on cardiac monitoring.
5. If not previously completed, a nursing history/assessment and medication assessment history form shall be completed by an RN on all patients admitted within 8 hours of arrival to the unit. All pertinent consults are initiated at such time.

### Responsible Party

### Action

RN, NA

1. Assist with transfer of patient to unit bed.

RN

2. Attach patient to cardiac monitor appropriately.
3. Assess and record vital signs immediately.
4. Complete a thorough physical assessment as soon as possible after admission.
5. When feasible, elicit brief patient history from patient, patient family, or old chart.
6. Establish rapid IV access if not already present.
7. Complete Nursing History/Assessment and Medication Assessment form (if not previously done), completes Critical Care Flow sheet and affix a rhythm strip from monitor. Initiate individualized plan of care.

8. Request or obtain ABGs, EKG, CXR, and laboratory specimens as ordered.

9. Update/educate family as soon as possible regarding patient's condition and obtain appropriate contact information.

RN, NA

10. Organize patient's clothes in appropriately labeled bag.

Ward Clerk, RN

12. Assemble Patient's chart.

13. Obtain old medical records.