
Credentialing/Competency Policy

Purpose:

To evaluate knowledge of the nurse, and ensure that proper procedure is utilized in performing the following tasks:

1. Pulmonary artery catheter placement and monitoring
2. Arterial puncture
3. Temporary pacemaker insertion and monitoring (temporary and external)
4. Prone Positioning
5. IV conscious sedation
6. IABP
7. ICP monitoring and Ventriculostomy.
8. CEBT
 - a. Initial CEBT credentialing course must be completed prior to annual competency performed.
9. Minimally Invasive Hemodynamics
10. Chest Tubes
11. Accessing Ports
12. Medication Administration
13. Rapid Sequence Intubation

Unit Specific Credentialing: See unit specific policies

ECLS

ECLS specialists are assessed on competency Bi – annually for ECMO and AVCO₂R. Competency list is kept in each unit and exams are in the specialists file.

Policy:

1. Competency is assessed through exams, hands on demonstration, case scenarios, or a combination of all learning tools. .
2. A performance evaluation will be required yearly by each nurse to ascertain maintenance of standards.
3. The ICU Nurse Manager and SUP1s will coordinate the yearly performance evaluations.