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ICU Emergency Coverage Plan

Purpose:

The ICU must have provider coverage by a Hospitalist or Advanced Practice Provider (APP) that is available within 30 min of request. The following plan shall provide emergency coverage that would allow for patient's immediate needs to be met until the attending surgeon is available.

Guidelines:

If the Hospitalist, Intensivist or Advanced Practice Provider (APP) on active duty is unavailable to attend to an ICU patient with immediate or emergent needs, staff should follow the following plan for assistance

- A. To provide immediate life-saving interventions, Call the Rapid Response Team and/or call the Emergency Department physician – (see the Rapid Response Team) policy and the Medical Staff Coverage and Obligations policy)
- B. Call the Attending/Consulting surgeon for availability to provide immediate care as needed
- C. Call another hospitalist or hospitalist APP on the call back roster - May contact Hospitalist Practice Manager to assist with the department call back roster.

Reference:

American College of Surgeons: Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient: 2022 Edition, Chicago, IL; Standard 4.19