

CRITICAL CARE

Department of Medicine

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

PGY4-6

- Accept admissions to the MUSC Medical Intensive Care Unit from both inside MUSC and from referring physicians.
- Accept admission to the MUSC Specialty Medical Intensive Care Unit (SMICU) from both inside MUSC and from referring physicians.
- Accept admissions to the Ashley River Tower Medical Surgical Intensive Care Unit.
- Evaluate all critical care patients on admission, and document this evaluation in patient charts.
- Supervise PGY1 through PGY5 residents in the evaluation and management of patients.
- Round daily with the Division faculty and decide on a plan for patient care.
- Review chest radiographs, CT scans and other imaging modalities with faculty on a daily basis.
- Attend teaching session conducted by faculty.
- Teach residents and medical students daily at the bedside.
- Learn expertise in invasive ICU procedures. Teach these procedures to the Housestaff.
- Attend all clinical conferences, research conferences, journal clubs, and didactic lectures.
- Acquire expertise in fiberoptic bronchoscopy with BAL.
- Rotate through non-medical intensive care units (e.g. surgical-trauma intensive care medicine, neurosurgical intensive care medicine, and cardiovascular intensive care

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unit) and participate in the care of specialty critical care patients.

- Manage all aspects of critical care medicine described above at the Charleston Veterans Administration Hospital.
- Acquire skills in airway management and endotracheal intubation; ventilator management and noninvasive ventilation; bedside diagnostic ultrasound; insertion and management of chest tubes, and thoracentesis; advanced cardiac life support (ACLS); placement of arterial, central venous, and pulmonary artery balloon flotation catheters; calibration and operation of hemodynamic recording systems.