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1. Policies


- 1.1. Post surgical procedure patients have the utmost priority for ICU bed utilization
- 1.2. Proper procedures should be followed to reserve a bed for a post surgical patient for better utilization of ICU beds
- 1.3. All surgical procedure patients must have a booked, reserved bed on the hospital ward in order to reserve a bed in ICU
- 1.4. 1.4 Emergency surgical procedures are an exception to the above rule
- 1.5. All planned elective surgeries must have a reserved bed before starting the surgical procedure

2. Procedures

Booking Procedures

- 2.1. The surgical team must book in the booking book, a bed, a minimum of one night before the surgical.
- 2.2. On the day of the surgical procedure, the team or anesthetist must call the main General Intensive Care Unit to confirm a bed with the nurse in charge
- 2.3. In case of changes to the patient status when the ICU bed is no longer needed, it is the responsibility of the team or anesthetist to call and cancel the request.

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2.4. In the case of an emergency, the surgical team or anesthetist should call the consultant in charge in the MGICU (look at the rota) for immediate confirmation or bleep the registrar on call in the MGCIU. He should take the approval of MGICU consultant and get back to the requesting team. In case of the following, a bed in ICU for elective procedures may not be guaranteed:

- 2.4.1. If the booking was not made the night before to ensure adequate time to provide nursing coverage
- 2.4.2. If the surgical team has exceeded the quota of admitted patients to ICU
- 2.4.3. If the above procedure was not followed
- 2.4.4. In case the bed was booked and no ICU bed was available on the day of surgery, an incident report should be filled and sent to TQM.

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