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# CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE PROGRAM

**Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital**



PATIENT *Safety*  
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# GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- **Critical Care Medicine Group** - consists of intensivists who are Board Certified in their basic specialty and possess a Certificate of Special Competence in Critical Care.
- **24/7 In-house coverage**
- **Intensivists have total bed control authority**
- **Physician-to-Physician Communication Requirement**
- **Mandatory Co-management of All Appropriate Critical Care Patients**
- **Daily Multi-disciplinary Rounds**

# Three Basic Principles

- Intensivist Bed Control Authority
  - Intensivist has admission and discharge authority
- Physician-to-Physician Communication Requirement
- Mandatory Co-management of All Appropriate Critical Care Patients

# COMMUNICATION, COMMUNICATION, COMMUNICATION!!!

- Attending physician-to-intensivist conversation required before patient admitted to a critical care unit.
- For post-op patients, surgeon calls intensivist immediately post-op.
- All consultations on a critical care patient will be called physician-to-physician

# MANDATORY CO-MANAGEMENT

- Automatic consultation with intensivist will occur for all patients meeting critical care admission criteria
- Automatic consultation and co-management is required for patients meeting critical care admission criteria
- ICU admitting orders will be used on every patient
- Critical care protocols must be followed