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**Guidelines towards establishing
Standard of Critical Care
Nursing in Palestine**

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What do Standards of care?

Standard of care:

is a professionally agreed level of performance appropriate to the population addressed which is achievable and desirable.

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What do Standards of care?

- ▶ ***Critical care nursing standards:***

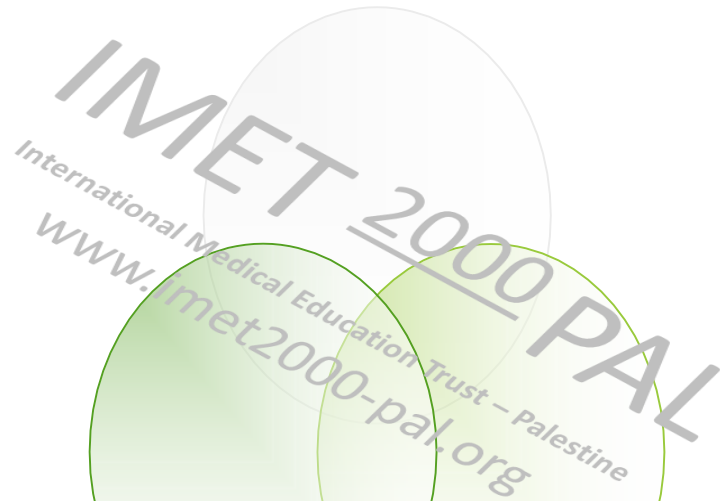
are statements that describe the level of performance expected of registered nurses in critical care practice (*Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses, 2004*).

- ▶ ***The Standards for Acute and Critical Care Nursing Practice:***

are defined as authoritative statements that describe a level of care or performance common to the profession of nursing by which the quality of nursing practice can be judged (*The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, 2000*).

The importance for having Standards of Practice

Healthy work environment



Excellent nursing practice

Patient care outcomes

The standards:

- ▶ Assure having *the skills, resources, accountability and authority to make decisions* → excellent professional nursing practice
- ▶ Guide in delivering *safe effective care, in a supportive and safe-working environment.*

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The standards:

- ▶ Support *professional development*
- ▶ Framework → critical care curriculum + assessment of clinical practice..
- ▶ Useful in the development of *evaluation and orientation, continuing education, and quality improvement programs*

The Standard of Nursing Practice document

- Describe the practice of the nurse who cares for an acutely or critically ill patient.
- Define the philosophy, beliefs, and values of individual hospitals.

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The Standard of Nursing Practice document

- Comprehensive, realistic, and easily understood.
- Clearly written.

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The Standard of Nursing Practice document

- Measurement criteria (how each standard is met)
- Revised and evaluated frequently.



How to develop Standards?

- ❖ Framed from the *general clinical nursing practice standards*.
- ❖ A *panel of persons or special committee* under the supervision of the *Nursing & Midwifery Association*.



How to develop Standards?

- ❖ Drawn from *reports* from nurses and experts in healthcare organizations across the country.
- ❖ *Expert reviewers* validate the standards, its elements and explanatory text.

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Implementation of the standards

- ✓ Adoption by the Nursing & Midwifery Association
- ✓ Meaningful recognition by the Health System and Ministry of Health.

Implementation of the standards

- ✓ A committed *partnership* between nurses and their work environment and their organizations.
- ✓ Effective decision making and strong leadership.



Elements of the standards:

- ▶ *Professional development*
- ▶ *Behavioral skills*

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Elements of the standards:

American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) standards

- ▶ Conceptualized from The Nursing Process
- ▶ Include:
 - standards of care,
 - standards of professional performance.

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Elements of the standards:

South African critical care nursing

Four main categories:

- ▶ professional competence,
- ▶ cognitive competence,
- ▶ interpersonal skills,
- ▶ critical care patterns of interaction.

Elements of the standards:

Standards of the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN)

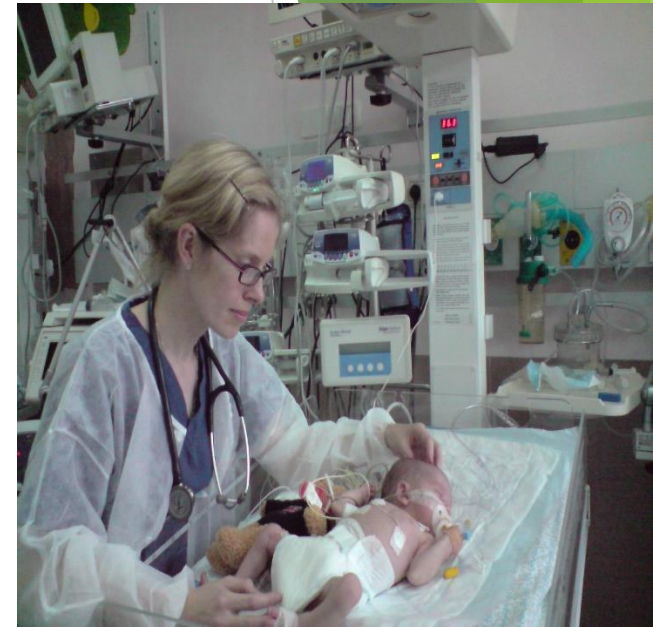
Five major categories:

- ▶ Professional Behavior/ Ethics,
- ▶ Continuing Competence and Research,
- ▶ Client and Nurse Safety/ Risk Prevention,
- ▶ Therapeutic and Professional Relationships/ Caring,
- ▶ Clinical Skills, Knowledge, and Critical Thinking.

Standards of Care for Acute and Critical Care Nursing (AACN)

Standard of Care:

- I. Assessment
- II. Diagnosis
- III. Outcome Identification
- IV. Planning
- V. Implementation
- VI. Evaluation



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Standards of Professional Practice for Acute and Critical Care Nursing

Standard of Professional Practice:

- I. Quality of Care
- II. Individual Practice Evaluation
- III. Education
- IV. Collegiality
- V. Ethics
- VI. Collaboration
- VII. Research
- VIII. Resource Utilization



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Standard of Care I: Assessment

The nurse caring for acute and critically ill patients collects relevant patient health data..

Measurement Criteria

- ▶ Data collection involves the patient, family, and other healthcare providers as appropriate to develop a holistic picture of the patient's needs.
- ▶ The priority of data collection activities is driven by the patient's immediate condition and/or anticipated needs.
- ▶ Data are collected using appropriate assessment techniques and instruments.
- ▶ Data are documented in a retrievable form.
- ▶ Data collection process is systematic and ongoing.

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