

WHO'S WHO IN THE ICU

OTHER INDIVIDUALS YOU MAY SEE IN THE ICU

Cardiologist - Doctor specializing in the heart.

Nephrologist - Doctor specializing in kidney function.

Pulmonologist - Doctor specializing in the respiratory system.

Infectious Disease - Doctor that specializes in identification and medical management of infectious diseases.

Palliative Care - Provider that has received specialized training to enhance the patient's quality of life and help families and patients define goals of care.



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WELCOME TO UM BALTIMORE WASHINGTON MEDICAL CENTER'S CRITICAL CARE DEPARTMENT

We understand that this can be a confusing and difficult time for you and your family. This brochure is to help you better understand the roles of the staff members that you will meet while here.

WHO WILL YOU SEE AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

Intensivist/MD/DO – A board certified physician who provides special care for critically ill patients. This individual will direct your/your loved one's care. They will collaborate with you on the plan of care and perform procedures including intubation, central line placement, bronchoscopy, etc. They also consult with specialists as needed.

Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner/PA/NP – Works together with the doctor in directing and enacting the plan of care. Also involved with procedures such as intubation, central line placement, bronchoscopy, etc.

Registered Nurse/RN (wears navy blue) – The nurse provides a wide range of patient services including operating medical equipment, administering medications, performing activities of daily living and educating patients and their families.

Patient Care Technician/PCT (wears royal blue) – Works closely with RN to provide care for patients. Duties include drawing blood, intravenous catheter insertions and activities of daily living.

Physical Therapist/Occupational Therapist/Speech Language Therapist/PT/OT/SLP (wears sky blue) –

These individuals work in collaboration to determine needs and treatment plans. Physical therapists help injured and ill people improve movement and pain. Occupational therapists determine a patient's functional ability to fulfill their daily routines and roles. Speech language therapists provide treatment and support for individuals who have difficulties with communication, eating, drinking, and swallowing.

Respiratory Therapist/RT (wears steel grey) –

Respiratory therapists care for patients with breathing difficulties. These individuals administer medications related to the respiratory system, manage ventilators and various other oxygen delivery methods.

Pharmacist (wears forest green) – The pharmacist is a medication expert that plays a critical role in aiding the provider in applying appropriate drug therapy to patients.

Registered Dietician/RD – This individual is an expert in nutrition and the regulation of diet. The dietician alters a patient's nutrition based upon their medical condition and needs.

Companion (wears cocoa brown) – Occasionally there is a need to have someone at the bedside to maintain a safe environment for a patient. The companion works to keep the patient safe with verbal redirection, and notifies the nursing staff of unsafe situations.

Administrative Tech/AT (wears khaki) – The administrative tech is found at the front desk. They answer call lights and phone calls and welcome visitors to the unit.