

Committee Members Present: Kevin Brinkmann, Rich Wendorf, Marvin Hall, Samir Shah, Mark Heulitt, Neil Kooy, Brad Strohler

Also Present: Rhonda Phillippi, Julianna Herod, Ann Rutherford Red, Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs, Deena Kail, Yvette De Vaughn

1. Topics for Discussion were reviewed, and no changes brought forth (see below).
2. Discussion on QI program requirements
 - a. Consensus to require participation in QI program that compares a facility's PICU performance with similar PICUs.
 - b. PICU QI program initiatives also discussed including updated PECF Rule Interpretive Guidelines/Surveyor Guidance documents as needed based on current best practices.
3. Discussion on PICU nursing training requirements and PICU nurse manager requirements
 - a. Decision made by consensus that an MSN degree not be required by the PICU nurse manager and decisions on these requirements to be determine by a facility's administration.
 - b. Discussion on training requirements to include BLS, PALS and ACLS. Decision made to require only BLS and PALS for PICU nursing providers.
4. Discussion on requirements for PICU Medical Director and other PICU physician providers
 - a. Discussion on more senior providers who have been credentialed to practice pediatric intensive care by their facilities and who may not have board certification in pediatric critical care.
 - b. Decision made to require pediatric critical care board certification by all providers and allow facilities to satisfy this requirement if their medical staff includes providers who are currently credentialed by their facilities to practice pediatric critical care at the time of promulgation of these rules.
 - c. All PICU providers must maintain appropriate continuing medical education.

PICU TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Definitions

1. Definition of a PICU.
2. Level(s) of PICUs
 - (1) Two separate levels vs. one minimum standard level for all PICUs
 - (2) A designation standard for PICU vs. Pediatric Special Care Unit
 - (3) Would all facility levels be able to have a PICU?
3. Should we define which patients count as PICU patients?

Administration

1. Define how TN PICUs maintain competency in key areas – Ventilation, Resuscitation, Vascular Access, etc.

2. Subspecialty requirements for PICUs – Essential and desired
3. PICU Team composition requirements
4. Nurse to patient ratios
5. Quality Improvement Programs

(1) Discuss participation in the Virtual Pediatrics System national database or a TN State-wide database

Admissions, Discharges and Transfers

1. Define what would be considered as safe, timely transfer of critically ill children to higher level of care.

Basic Functions

1. Should there be minimum admission volume requirements?
2. Do we need PICUs to define minimum number of patients requiring mechanical ventilation support?
3. PICU Medical Director requirements
4. On call physician coverage requirements for PICU
5. PICU Staff and Nurse manager requirements
6. Feedback on architectural and building codes / requirements from the state.

Table Revisions:

1. Adding an additional column to the table vs. a footnote designation for requirements for having a PICU

Surveyor Guidance Interpretive Guidelines

1. Topics to be addressed further in the Surveyor Guidance Interpretive Guidelines.

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