



YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL

Located on the Connecticut shore, **Yale-New Haven Hospital** is a 944-bed tertiary care facility recognized as one of "America's Best Hospitals" by *U.S. News & World Report*. Boasting a longstanding affiliation with Yale University Schools of Nursing and Medicine, an international reputation for leading-edge research and advanced care, and extensive, state-of-the-art facilities, Yale-New Haven Hospital is proud to offer nursing professionals a wide range of choices — from opportunities for the moment to careers for life.

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Yale-New Haven Hospital Surgical Intensive Care Unit

Unit Description

The SICU at Yale-New Haven Hospital is a 14-bed critical care environment located on the 6th floor of the Hospital's South Pavilion, adjacent to the Neuro Intensive Care Unit. With a daily census of 10-14 patients, we serve a population ranging from older adolescents to geriatric patients for both chronic and acute illnesses. Our unit provides care to critically ill surgical patients with an emphasis on Trauma (multisystem, peripheral vascular-abdomen); Aortic aneurysm; Transplant (liver, kidney, kidney/pancreas and pancreas); ENT; and Gynecology. Our specialized therapies and treatments include:

- Invasive monitoring, including Swan-Ganz catheters
- **Arterial lines**
- **Esophageal Doppler monitors**
- **Intra-abdominal pressure readings**
- **Administration and titration of vasoactive drugs**
- **Sedatives**
- **Narcotics**
- **Paralytics**
- **Assisted ventilation, including proning with high pressure ventilation**
- **Peritoneal dialysis**
- **CVVH-D**
- **Bedside PEGs and tracheostomy**

The SICU also accompanies and monitors patients having interventional and diagnostic procedures outside of the SICU, and our nurses are competent in the administration of moderate sedation. The SICU contains four negative pressure rooms, and all beds have the capability of providing bedside dialysis.

Identifying Patient Care Needs

We utilize an interdisciplinary approach to assess, plan, implement and evaluate care and discharge planning to meet patient needs. Patients are admitted to the unit per physician order, and upon admission our RNs conduct an admission history and physical and nursing assessment. From these tools, the needs of the patient are identified and a plan of care is formulated. Appropriate referrals are then made to ancillary services per physician orders or identified need to provide comprehensive multidisciplinary care planning.

Services

Our services include diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic conditions, education and preventative health care. Professional nursing care is provided through delegated, interdependent and independent functions. Services are evaluated through patient satisfaction surveys, weekly surgical M/M reviews, and Surgical ICU performance improvement activities. Contracted services within this area include Gambrel for dialysis.

For more information on SICU nursing careers at Yale-New Haven Hospital, please contact Marie Devlin, Patient Service Manager, at (203) 688-6824.