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Intensive care organisation: Should there be a separate ICU for critically injured patients?

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Abstract

In the last two decennia, the mixed population general intensive care unit (ICU) with a 'closed format' setting has gained in favour compared to the specialized critical care units with an 'open format' setting. However, there are still questions whether surgical patients benefit from a general mixed ICU. Trauma is a significant cause of morbidity and mortality throughout the world. Major or severe trauma requiring immediate surgical intervention and/or intensive care treatment. The role and type of the ICU has received very little attention in the literature when analyzing outcomes from critical injuries. Severely injured patients require the years of experience in complex trauma care that only a surgery/ trauma ICU can provide. Should a trauma center have the capability of

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