

Student Nurse TCTCH PICU Orientation Packet

Welcome to the PICU

The PICU is a 14 bed unit that cares for children with both acute and chronic illnesses. Some patients may need intense medical therapies while others may not, yet require more intensive nursing interventions than can be provided on an inpatient floor. Because of this, we are a highly specialized unit. We have a multi-disciplinary team that provides high quality holistic care for the child and their family. Participants may include but are not limited to: nurses, physicians (Intensivists and Sub-specialists), respiratory therapists, pharmacists, physical & occupational therapists, dieticians, social workers, etc.

The PICU staff welcomes you to our unit. As with any inpatient care area, our census is not something we can ensure or even predict. We will make every effort to keep your experience in mind when making your assignment. Your time in our unit may range from observation only to hands on experiences. This will be determined by the charge nurse and nursing instructor on the day of participation in the unit. The state of the unit, condition of the patient, and experience level of the student will be factored in to the decision made. Please be reminded that patient confidentiality, professionalism, and family centered care are expected not only of staff but from student nurses as well.

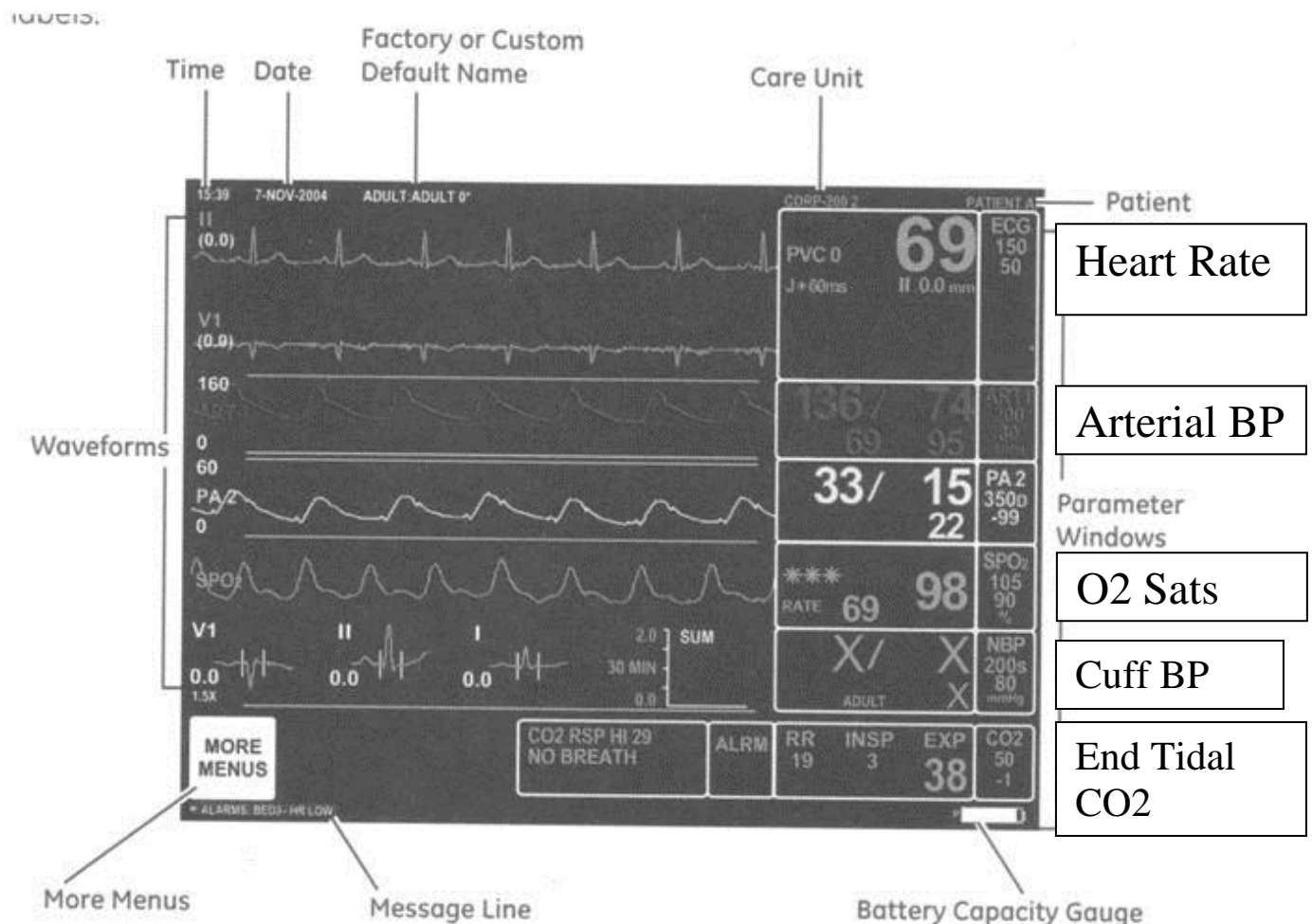
- PICU shifts begin at 0630/1830 and conclude at 1900/0700
- Dayshift rounds begin at 1000. This is a time for the care team to discuss all patients in the unit on an in depth individual basis. The care team includes the family, nurse, charge nurse, attending, resident, pharmacist, and anyone else needed. Students are expected to participate in this activity. It provides an excellent learning opportunity.
- Students can make this experience as good as they want - ask questions, come prepared, show interest, be motivated, and use time well. That is what we expect of our nurses, so you are no exception.
- We ask that you print the student evaluation and bring it with you on your day in the PICU. At the end of your shift, please complete the evaluation and give it to your preceptor or charge nurse.

Thank you for your participation. We hope this will be an interesting and memorable experience as you continue your nursing education journey.

~ The PICU team

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PICU GE Monitor Screen



Each patient in the PICU has a monitor at his/her bedside. When connected, the patient's vital signs are displayed on this monitor as well as a central monitor located at the main desk. We would like you to take a moment to look at the example of the patient monitor screen. This is where a large amount of information regarding your patient will be displayed. Your preceptor will be happy to give you additional information regarding the montors.

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Student Evaluation of PICU Clinical Experience

Please complete the following questions regarding your PICU student experience. Return to your preceptor/ charge nurse at the completion of your shift. Thank you.

Date _____

What was the patient census in the PICU? _____

Was the PICU Student Nurse Orientation Packet helpful? _____

Did you attend rounds? _____ If so, was this helpful? _____

Explain _____

Were the nurses helpful in answering your questions? _____

What is one thing you learned about Pediatric ICU nursing?

Please give us any feedback that would make this experience more meaningful for the next group of students?

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