

Survey Instrument

- 1) Which of the following describes your hospital?
 - a. Public
 - b. Private

- 2) Which of the following describes your hospital?
 - a. Academic
 - b. Community teaching
 - c. Community non-teaching

- 3) How many total beds does your hospital have?
 - a. <200
 - b. 201-500
 - c. >500

- 4) In which state is your hospital located?
 - a. Dropdown menu of states

- 5) Which type of setting best describes your hospital?
 - a. Urban
 - b. Suburban
 - c. Rural

- 6) Is your institution a level I trauma center?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

- 7) Does your institution have an intermediate care unit(s)?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

If yes, please continue the survey below. If no, thank you for your time.

- 8) Which of the following describes your institution's intermediate care unit?
 - a. One mixed unit that admits medical, cardiac, and surgical patients
 - b. Separate units for different patient care populations

- 9) How many total intermediate care unit beds does your institution have?
 - a. 0-5 beds
 - b. 6-10 beds
 - c. 11-20 beds
 - d. >20 beds

- 10) What type of intermediate care unit admissions occur at your hospital? (Check all that apply.)
 - a. Admissions from the emergency department
 - b. "Step up" transfers from a general ward with increased care requirements
 - c. "Step down" transfers from the intensive care

- d. Patients admitted directly for planned observation following a procedure or operation

11) Which of the following describes the intensivist staffing model for the intermediate care unit(s) in your hospital?

- a. No intensivist involvement
- b. Elective intensivist consultation
- c. Intensivist led care

12) What describes the design of the unit(s)?

- a. A geographically distinct unit from the ICU
- b. A unit that is located within the ICU

13) What is the nurse-to-patient ratio in the unit(s)?

- a. 1:1
- b. 1:2
- c. 1:3
- d. 1:4
- e. 1:5
- f. 1:6 or greater

14) Based on your personal observations, how often do patients require un-planned escalation to the intensive care unit within 24 hours of admission to your intermediate care unit?

- a. Never
- b. Rarely
- c. Occasionally
- d. Frequently
- e. Very frequently