



# Overcoming the Barriers to Delivering Physical Therapy Rehabilitation in the Intensive Care Unit

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### **Objectives**

- 1. Identify the literature supporting that early physical therapy rehabilitation in the intensive care unit is safe and feasible
- 2. Identify the gap between established physical therapy practice in ICUs across the country and how often this is actually occurring
- 3. Discuss what barriers (clinical and cultural) exist that may prevent implementation of early PT rehab in the ICU
- 4. Examine strategies that could assist with overcoming these barriers in order to improve delivery of early PT rehab in the ICU

### What are the benefits of early rehabilitation in the ICU?

- Reduction of hospital length of stay
- Reduction of hospital readmission
- Improved weaning from mechanical ventilation
- Prevention of complications from immobility (weakness, contracture, pressure ulcers)
- Improved functional outcomes

(Bailey 2007, Schweickert 2009, Burtin 2009, Morris 2011)

## Is early rehabilitation in the ICU safe & feasible?

Respiratory Compromise (mechanical vent): Bailey 2007

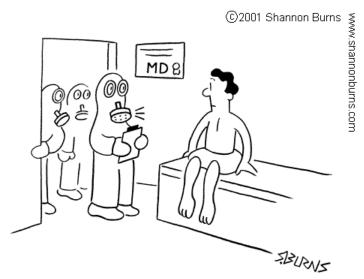
Neuro (SAH): Olkowski 2014, UCH pilot project 2016

Cardiac (femoral catheters): Perme 2013

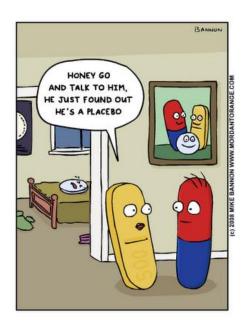
Renal (CRRT): Talley 2013

Cardiopulmonary (ECMO): Abrams 2014

#### Safety and Feasibility of Critical Illness Rehabilitation



"Here's what we know so far..."



## Safety



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Safety of physical therapy interventions in critically ill patients: A single-center prospective evaluation of 1110 intensive care unit admissions



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## Feasibility

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Physical rehabilitation interventions for adult patients during critical illness: an overview of systematic reviews

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#### Key messages

#### What is the key question?

What physical rehabilitation interventions are effective for patients during critical illness and when are they best delivered?

#### What is the bottom line?

Evidence confirming physical rehabilitation delivered in the early stages of critical illness in the intensive care unit (ICU) produce improvements in a range of outcomes is of moderate-to-high quality, but there is insufficient evidence of effects from interventions delivered post-ICU discharge.

#### Why read on?

This overview comprehensively examines the existing evidence for effectiveness of physical rehabilitation in patients with critical illness and provides informed recommendations for future trial design and systematic review conduct.

#### SYSTEMATIC REVIEW



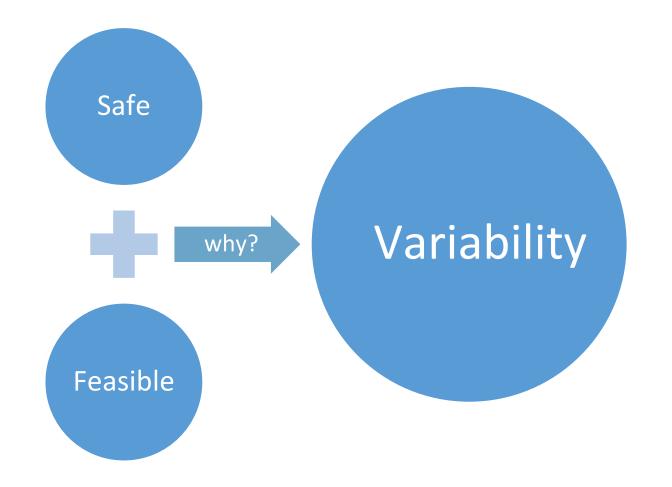
## The effects of active mobilisation and rehabilitation in ICU on mortality and function: a systematic review

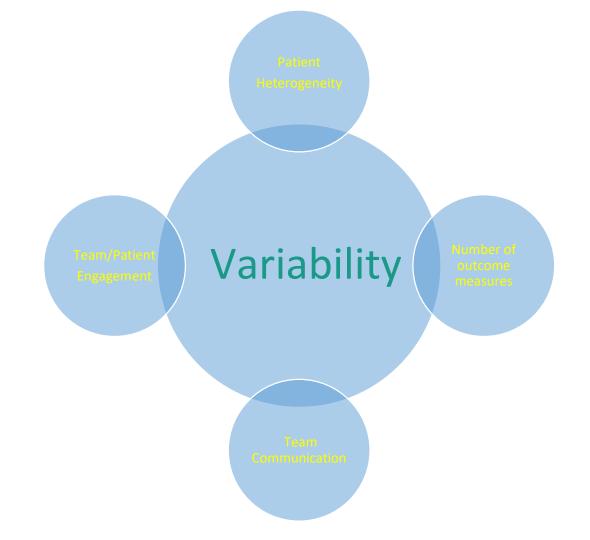
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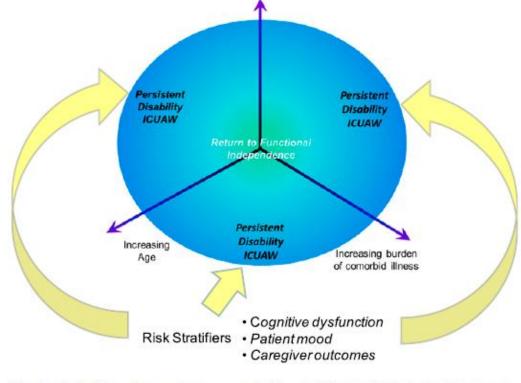
#### Abstract

**Purpose:** Early active mobilisation and rehabilitation in the intensive care unit (ICU) is being used to prevent the long-term functional consequences of critical illness. This review aimed to determine the effect of active mobilisation and rehabilitation in the ICU on mortality, function, mobility, muscle strength, quality of life, days alive and out of hospital to 180 days, ICU and hospital lengths of stay, duration of mechanical ventilation and discharge destination, linking outcomes with the World Health Organization International Classification of Function Framework.





#### Patient Heterogeneity



ICU Length of Stay

Figure 1. Major determinants and risk modifiers of clinical phenotypes

Batt J 2013

## Exercise rehabilitation following intensive care unit discharge for recovery from critical illness: executive summary of a Cochrane Collaboration systematic review

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#### **Conclusions**

There was insufficient evidence to determine an overall effect on functional exercise capacity or health-related quality of life of an exercise-based intervention initiated after ICU

discharge for survivors of critical illness. The degree of heterogeneity across included studies precluded a metaanalysis of data, and individual study findings were inconsistent with regards a beneficial effect on functional exercise capacity. No effect on health-related quality of life was reported. The methodological rigour of included studies was variable with risk of bias present in several domains. Results

#### **Outcome Selection**

Parry et al. Critical Care (2015) 19:127 DOI 10.1186/s13054-015-0829-5



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## Functional outcomes in ICU – what should we be using? - an observational study

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#### Conclusions

There is excellent criterion validity for other functional measures (FSS-ICU, IMS and SPPB) against the PFIT-s in the ICU setting. Higher PFIT-s scores on awakening were predictive of discharge directly home. All tests were responsive to change, however, the SPPB and IMS were limited by floor effects when used in the ICU. Based on the findings in this study the PFIT-s and FSS-ICU are promising functional measures and should be considered currently when measuring physical function in the ICU in clinical practice and research.

#### Key messages

- Impairment in physical function is a significant problem for survivors of critical illness.
- PFIT-s and FSS-ICU are promising functional measures and should be considered when measuring physical function in the ICU.
- A core set of outcome measures, which map impairment, activity limitations and participation restrictions within the ICF framework need to be developed, which can be utilized across different time points of recovery.



## Toward a Common Language for Measuring Patient Mobility in the Hospital: Reliability and Construct Validity of Interprofessional Mobility Measures

Erik H. Hoyer, Daniel L. Young, Lisa M. Klein, Julie Kreif, Kara Shumock, Stephanie Hiser, Michael Friedman, Annette Lavezza, Alan Jette, Kitty S. Chan, Dale M. Needham

**Conclusions.** The AM-PAC IMSF and JH-HLM had excellent interrater reliability and test-retest reliability for both physical therapists and nurses. The evaluation of convergent validity suggested that AM-PAC IMSF and JH-HLM measured constructs of patient mobility and physical functioning.

## Perceived Barriers to Mobility in a Medical ICU: The Patient Mobilization Attitudes & Beliefs Survey for the ICU

In conclusion, a survey administered to a multiprofessional group of MICU staff demonstrated relatively low perceived barriers to patient mobility across clinical roles. Within the first decade of work experience, greater experience was associated with lower perceived barriers to patient mobility. As part of a structured QI project, the PMABS-ICU may be a valuable tool to assist in identifying specific perceived barriers for consideration when designing mobility interventions for the ICU setting.

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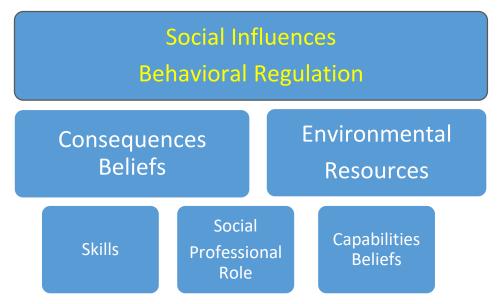


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## Barriers and facilitators to early rehabilitation in mechanically ventilated patients—a theory-driven interview study





#### **BMJ Open Quality**

## A team approach to the introduction of safe early mobilisation in an adult critical care unit

Sanjiv Chohan, Sara Ash, Lorraine Senior

#### **ICU Daily Dangle**

(If in doubt, discuss with medical staff)

#### All patients should attempt to dangle when:

Responsive to verbal stimulation and obeying commands (They do not need to be delirium negative)

PEEP is < 8 and FiO2 is < 50% and cardiovascularly stable

Pressor/Inotrope infusions have not increased in the last 2 hours
They are not receiving active volume resuscitation
Arrhythmias are controlled and there is no active myocardial ischaemia
Assessment by physio

## Early, goal-directed mobilisation in the surgical intensive care unit: a randomised controlled trial



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#### Summary

Background Immobilisation predicts adverse outcomes in patients in the surgical intensive care unit (SICU). Attempts to mobilise critically ill patients early after surgery are frequently restricted, but we tested whether early mobilisation leads to improved mobility, decreased SICU length of stay, and increased functional independence of patients at hospital discharge.

Lancet 2016; 388: 1377-88
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#### SYSTEMATIC REVIEW



#### Factors influencing physical activity and rehabilitation in survivors of critical illness: a systematic review of quantitative and qualitative studies

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#### **Motivations and Beliefs**

Anticipated Risks / Benefits (HCPs)

Experienced Benefits / Risks (Patients, caregivers, HCPs)

#### Psychological influences

Patient Physical &

Admission Dx, severity of illness Age / Comorbidities Symptoms, Muscle strength Sedation, delirium and cooperation

#### **Environmental Influences**

Access to rehab programs
Hospital admin buy-in
Location of patients
Equipment, Staffing
Competing Priorities
Mobility protocols / teams
QI projects

#### Safety Influences

Physiological stability Presence of lines / attachments Mobilizing MV with ETT Fear of injury to Patients, caregiver, and HCPs

#### Clinician and Team Influences

Workplace culture Communication Leadership Presence Expertise and Training Role Clarity and Accountability

#### **Case 1: Jane Smith**

- 39 year old female admitted to the neuro ICU with a subarachnoid hemorrhage
- BMI: 51
- Home medications: lisinopril, levothyroxine
- Hunt and Hess Scale: Grade 3
- Fisher: 3
- Angiogram reveals aneurysm-s/p coiling POD 1
- Mechanical Ventilator: CPAP via tracheostomy, 40% FiO2
- Lines and Tubes: radial arterial line, external ventricular drain, foley catheter, peripheral IV, EKG
- Social: no family present, no insurance information

What barriers might make early rehabilitation for Jane Smith difficult?

Text AMYRICH735 to 37607 to reply

### Case 2: Charles Macklemore

- 67 yo male; PMH of rheumatoid arthritis and obesity
- Presented to the ED with SOB; found to be hypoxic with progressively worsening hypotension that was unresponsive to fluids
- Admitted to the medical ICU for septic shock and ARDS; started on neuromuscular blockade and placed in prone position
- Initial ventilator settings: FiO2 of 100% and a PEEP of 14
  - After 36 hours, O2 requirements decreasing
  - Now on an FiO2 of 70%, PEEP of 14 and supinated without paralytics, remains on two vasopressors

## What barriers might make early rehabilitation for Charles Macklemore difficult?

Text AMYRICH735 to 37607 to join

#### Clinical Barriers vs Cultural Barriers

#### 5 themes:

Patient physical and psychological influences

Safety influences

Culture and team influences

Motivation and beliefs about physical activity (from pts and HCPs)

#### **Environmental influences**

Parry, S., Knight L, Connolly B, Baldwin C. et. al. Factors Influencing physical activity and rehabilitation in survivors of critical illness: a systematic review of quantitative and qualitative studies. *Intensive Care Med* (2017) 43:531-542

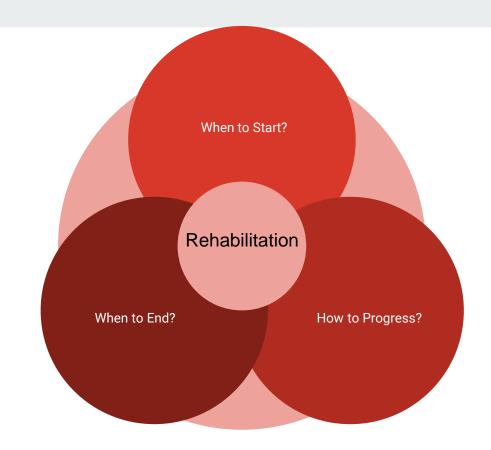
## Clinical Barriers Preventing Early Rehabilitation







Training





Patient factors

### **Cultural Barriers to Providing Early Rehabilitation**



## Right Patient Right Time in the ICU

#### The timing of patient care can be a barrier

- Chart review takes time and opportunities are missed in an ICU
- In an ICU without a good culture of mobility, RNs and MDs will NOT seek out the PT to collaborate
- The onus is therefore on the PT to sort through 24+ patients and convince the other providers that physical therapy should be involved
- Poor knowledge of others' roles and responsibilities leads to a lack of perceived importance of early rehabilitation which can impact consultation

### BREAK 10:00-10:30

When you return, the speakers will suggest key strategies to overcome both clinical and cultural barriers to early rehabilitation in the ICU



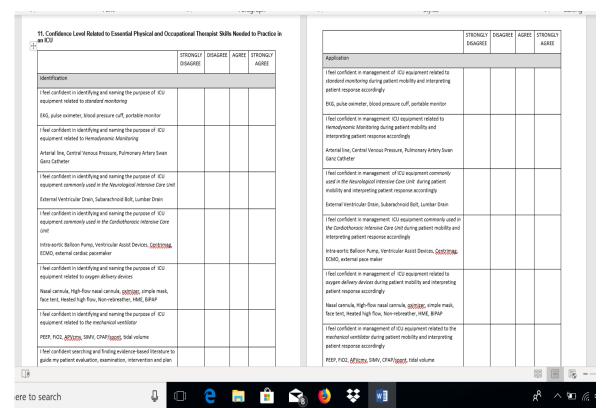


#### **Key STRATEGIES for Overcoming Clinical Barriers**

- Educate physical therapists working in the ICU
  - Implementation of ICU training programs
    - Safety considerations- when to start, when to stop, what to monitor
    - Equipment and management during mobility
- Establish a triage system to determine which patients should be seen first
  - Staffing shortages cannot be resolved without leadership guidance
  - Innovation with triaging and communication can assist with high patient loads

## **Therapist Readiness Survey**

- Completed prior to enrollment into ICU training program.
- Adapted from the Casey-Fink Readiness for Practice Survey



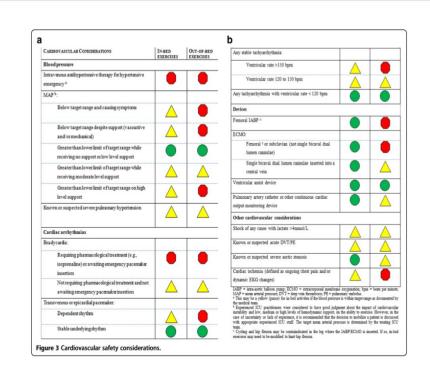
### Training for the PT in the ICU

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Where to start?

Hodgson C, Stiller K, Needham D, et. al. Expert consensus and recommendations on safety criteria for active mobilization of mechanically ventilated critically ill patients. *Critical Care*. 2014: 18: 658

Red light, yellow light, green light....



## Training for the PT in the ICU

Table 1. Safety Criteria for Start/Stop Rehab/Mobilization (in Bed or out of Bed)

	Starting a Rehab/Mobilization Session	Stopping a Rehab/Mobilization Session		
System	Start when all of the following are present:	Stop when any of the following are present:		
Cardiovascular	Heart rate 60-130 beats/min,     Systolic 8P 90-180 mm Hg, or     Map 60-100 mm Hg	Heart rate decreases < 60 or increases > 130 beats/min     Systolic BP decreases < 90 or increases > 180 mm Hg     M&P decreases < 60 or increases > 100 mm Hg		
Respiratory  Neurologic	" not be a substitute for clinical judgment"  "All thresholds should be interpreted or modified, as needed, in the context of individual patients' clinical symptoms, expected values, recent trends, and any clinician-prescribed goals or targets."			
Other	The following should be absent:  New or symptomatic arrhythmia  Chest pain with concern for ischemia  Unstable spinal injury or lesion  Unstable fracture  Active or uncontrolled GI bleeding  Mobility may be performed with  Femoral ventricular assist device, except sheath,	If following develop and are clinically relevant:  New or symptomatic arrhythmia  Chest pain with concern for ischemia  Ventilator asynchrony  Fall  Bleeding  Medical device removal or malfunction  Distress reported by patient or clinician		

#### Mentee a. "Supplemental Oxygen Utilization during Physical Therapy Interventions" b. "Mobilizing Patients in the Intensive Care Unit: Improving Neuromuscular Weakness and Physical Function" c. "Expert consensus and recommendations on safety criteria for active mobilization of mechanically ventilated d. "An Official American Thoracic Society Clinical Practice Guideline: The Diagnosis of Intensive Care Unit-Acquired Weakness in Adults" e. "Long-Term Neurocognitive Functional after Critical Illness" "Long-Term Complications after Critical Care" Clinical Participation & Education (up to 40 hours in each ICU) a. STICU b. CICU c. CTICU d. MICU e. NICU Resources (rehab share drive) "ICU: Lines, tubes, and monitoring equipment" ICU specific policies/guidelines applicable to rehabilitation therapists Skills Checklist a. STICU b. CICU c. CTICU d. MICU e. NICU Competency Check-Off \*must have successful completion before progressing to the next ICU a. STICU Practical Exam Feedback form Verbal Exam b. CICU Practical Exam Feedback form Verbal Exam c, CTICU Verbal Exam Practical Exam Feedback form d. MICU Practical Exam Feedback form Verbal Exam e. NICU Practical Exam Feedback form Verbal Exam Mentor Advisor Sign off Date Completed

PT ICU Competency - Mentoring Program Checklist

### Program Highlights:

Notes:

- Required readings to begin PRIOR to hands on training
- 1 week MINIMUM to train to each ICU
  - Can be adapted to staffing or dept needs
- Trainees perform a session of trainors choosing as well as complete a pre-determined case study oral exam

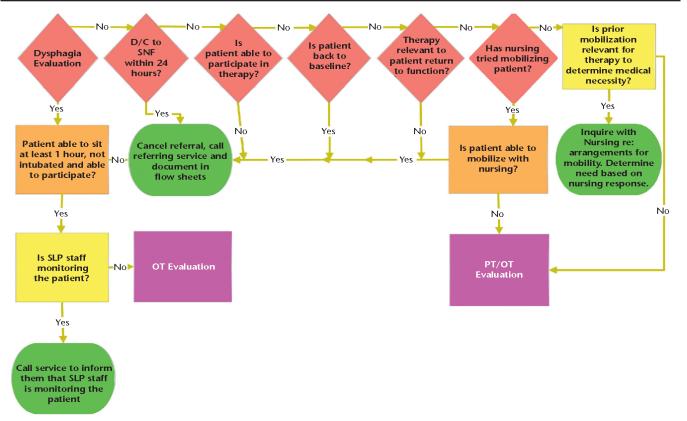


# **Staffing Management of a High Patient Census**

- The reality is we likely won't get more staffing. So what do we do?
  - Triage
  - Education: mobility vs therapy
  - Support staff and nursing colleagues

### **Triage System for Acute Care Therapy Services**

## **Triaging**



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## Mobility does **NOT** always equal Therapy

Therapy is **NOT** just Mobility

Mobility is a **COMPONENT** of Therapy

Mobility is **NECESSARY** outside of Therapy

Difference between THERAPEUTIC and THERAPY

# Additional strategies to overcome clinical barriers

- Mobility Techs, Rehabilitation Techs
- AM-PAC
- Clinical Snapshot





### AM-PAC "6-Clicks" Inpatient Daily Activity and Basic Mobility Short Forms

### Appendix 1.

"6-Clicks" Inpatient Basic Mobility Short Forma

Please check the box that reflects your (the patient's) best answer to each question.	Unable	A Lot	A Little	None
How much difficulty does the patient currently have				
1. Turning over in bed (including adjusting bedclothes, sheets, and blankets)?	□1	□2	□3	□4
2. Sitting down on and standing up from a chair with arms (eg, wheelchair, bedside commode)?	□1	□2	□3	□4
3. Moving from lying on back to sitting on the side of the bed?	□1	□2	□3	□4
How much help from another person does the patient currently need				
4. Moving to and from a bed to a chair (including a wheelchair)?	□1	□2	□3	□4
5. To walk in hospital room?	□1	□2	□3	□4
6. Climbing 3–5 steps with a railing?	□1	□2	□3	□4

Clinicians may find the following helpful in selecting responses:

- 1. Total/Unable=Total/Dependent Assist
- 2. A Lot=Maximum/Moderate Assist
- 3. A Little=Minimum/Contact Guard Assist/Supervision
- 4. None=Modified Independence/Independent

## **Clinical Snapshot**



Progress Notes Signed Date of Service: 9/27/2019 10:11 AM

#### Physical Therapy Treatment Note

#### **Clinical Snapshot**

Discharge Recommendation: Facility based rehab (can tolerate 1-2 hours of therapy/day)

Recommended Discharge DME: To be determined, At next level of care

Movement Precautions: Fall risk, CVVH, MV (50%/8), and VV ECMO (RIJ)

Activity and Mobility Recommendations: Patient requires 2 person maximum assistance with repositioning. Please assist patient with positioning into chair mode, AROM to all extremities and PROM to all extremities using one-person assist.

#### ASSESSMENT

Emphasis of this session focused on facilitating positioning edge of bed to progress upright tolerance, improve arou command following. Patient initially presents w/ RASS of 0, localizing to voice, and following 0% of commands in U

## **KEY STRATEGIES for Overcoming Cultural Barriers**

- Facilitate interprofessional communication
- Change healthcare professional attitudes and beliefs about PT and early rehab in the ICU
- Create an environment of trust, knowledge sharing and respect for the interprofessional team
- **Educate** other healthcare providers about PT Roles and Responsibilities and **learn** about others' roles in the ICU
- **Practice team and teamwork** by working together interprofessionally to care for the patient

# IPEC Core Competencies: Strategies for optimizing interprofessional care of the patient

**Communication**: Is there an environment of *trust* where *open and honest communication* can occur?

**Values and Ethics**: Do other healthcare professionals **VALUE** early rehabilitation? Do they understand why it is important, what it is? Do they know how, why and when to consult physical therapy?

**Team and Teamwork**: Is there time and opportunity to collaborate across healthcare professions? I.e. respiratory therapist, nurse and PT all collaborate to enable early rehabilitation

**Roles and Responsibilities**: Does the PT understand their own and other's scope of practice? Do other healthcare professionals know what role the PT plays in the ICU?



# Culture Change & Communication with the Inpatient Team

## Start with Consult to Physical Therapy

- Support & Educate at individual level in the moment (short term)
- Sustain momentum and culture (long term)

# Physical Therapist



What my friends think I do.



What MDs think I do.



What Medicare thinks I do.



What my patients think I do



What I think I do.



What I really do.

# Misperceptions



# **Opportunity**

- 1) Validate & acknowledge concerns
- 2) Identify (and remove) barriers
- 3) Build relationships
- 4) Educate others
- 5) Illustrate expertise

# **Establishing Support in the Short Term**

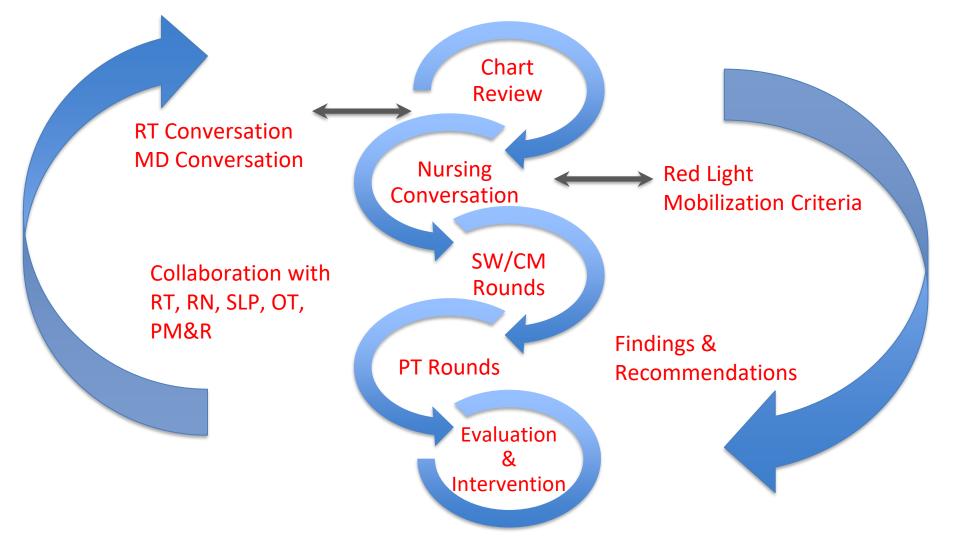


# **Nursing Conversation**

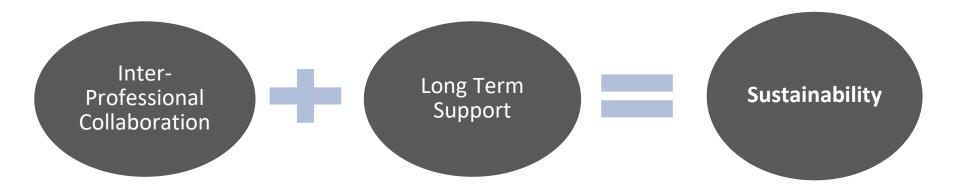
- Events of last 24 hours, what are the trends?
- Updates from MD daily rounds
- Logistical Plan
- Sedation Vacation
- Nursing Concerns
- Orders Clean Up (bedrest?)
- Nursing Assessment: RASS, cognition, stability with nursing care, sleep, symptoms

# **Respiratory Conversation**

- Events of last 24 hours, what are the trends?
- Secretions
- Spont breathing trial?
  - O Success? Failure? Why?
- RT concerns
- Vent settings and discussion on ideal respiratory support during therapy



## **Sustainability**



## Key Take Home Points~ what are your next steps?

What strategies will you take back to your ICU to address the clinical and cultural barriers to providing early rehabilitation for patients in

the Intensive Care unit?

**Questions?** 



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