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SUMMARY	Describes the Critical Care Services key operational processes related to escalation, triage, alternative models of care, staff training and support, communication and coordination.

COMPLIANCE WITH THIS DOCUMENT IS MANDATORY

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

As a result of lessons learnt from pandemic H1N1 2009 response and as per NSW Health policy directive [PD2010_028 Influenza Pandemic – Providing Critical Care](#), South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD), winter bed strategy for critical care services includes an escalation plan and management of patients with suspected and/or confirmed influenza. The purpose of the procedure is to provide direction to the delivery of critical care services during an influenza pandemic. The escalation plan will enable critical care services to surge effectively during an influenza pandemic when demand for intensive care services exceeds normal supply.

Associated Policies and Guidelines

[NSW Health Influenza Pandemic Plan PR2016_016](#)

[Mass Vaccination clinics during an Influenza pandemic GL2018_008](#)

MOH [PD2018_009 Occupational Assessment, Screening and Vaccination against specified infectious diseases](#) (page 22 Annual Influenza vaccination program)

2. BACKGROUND

Each winter, there is an increase in utilisation of critical care services related to influenza-like illness. As critical care capacity and ventilation devices are both a finite resource this procedure describes the key operational processes aimed at achieving an effective and equitable response to the need for intensive care services. The escalation plan was developed and activated during the response to pandemic H1N1 2009 and is part of the SESLHD winter bed strategy.

3. CRITICAL CARE ESCALATION PLAN

SESLHD adult critical care influenza escalation plan is based on NSW Health policy directive [PD2010_028 Influenza Pandemic – Providing Critical Care](#). In addition to the LHD escalation plan:

- As part of the facility emergency /disaster management committee planning and infection control preparations, each healthcare facility controller is to ensure the facility is prepared for an increase in healthcare service demand as a result of influenza.
- Each facility will develop a local [critical care influenza escalation plan](#) to ensure that critical care services are able to surge effectively and that equitable access is maintained. To ensure currency the facility critical care influenza escalation plan should be updated on an annual basis, preferably by March every year (in preparation for the demand for critical care beds associated with influenza / winter).
- As part of the plan each facility must prepare an inventory of physical bed capacity and an inventory of equipment to inform the local and district response. Key information to revise annually in the facility escalation plan is listed in [APPENDIX A](#).
- Each healthcare facility controller, in conjunction with the Director of Intensive Care is to liaise and report to the Director of Clinical Services on critical care utilisation and as required liaise with SESLHD Health Services Functional Area Coordinator (HSFAC)

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and NSW Ministry of Health in relation to deployment or reallocation of health care resources.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Intensive Care Services will:

- Monitor critical care service demand and advise Healthcare Facility Executive on need to implement the local influenza escalation plan. The trigger being either an increase surge in intensive care activity or an increase in influenza like cases.
- Provide advice on skills and competencies required for deployed workforce as per the SESLHD escalation plan.
- Consult with NSW Ministry of Health / NSW Intensive Care Services Network (during a mass pandemic where intensive care demand overwhelms capacity) and develop alternative models of care and advise Director of Operations and Facility Controller.
- Activate alternative model of care as directed by Director of Operations and Facility Controller.
- Appoint a critical care coordinator to collate information and provide reports to the Facility Controller, Director of Operations, LHD HSFAC and NSW Ministry of Health.

4.2 Facility General Managers and Facility Controllers will:

- Ensure each facility's, (that provides intensive care services), Critical Care Influenza escalation plan is annually revised.
- Activate healthcare facility Critical Care Influenza Escalation plan.
- Liaise with Facility Patient Flow Manager about bed management in particular prioritising ward transfer for any intensive care patient cleared for ward transfer.
- Monitor and provide reports to the Director of Nursing and Midwifery on resource utilisation and surge as per the critical care influenza escalation plan (7.1).
- Convene team to identify resource utilisation (including consumables), essential services and pandemic services requirements.
- Develop strategies to redeploy resources to maintain essential services and meet pandemic services requirements.
- Receive direction from Director of Nursing and Midwifery and as per escalation phase authorising opening additional beds, redeployment of additional staff, deferring elective surgery.
- Liaise with Private Health care facilities.

Note: The responsibilities described will change when NSW HEALTHPLAN is activated. Following activation of HEALTHPLAN, all NSW Health and other health service resources including personnel will be available to the State Health Services Functional Area Coordinator (HSFAC) for the purposes of this plan. As intensive care units resources are currently managed on a state-wide basis via the Aero-medical Retrieval Service, the State Medical Commander is expected to undertake this responsibility under the direction of the State HSFAC.

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5. CRITICAL CARE INVENTORY - 2018

	POWH Level 6	SGH Level 6	TSH Level 5
Intensive Care Inventory			
Unit Description	ICU	ICU	ICU
Number Funded Beds	14 ICU 4 HDU	36	6 ICU 8HDU
Total Bed Capacity of Unit	22	54	20
Number of ICU Ventilators	20	31	10
Number of transport ventilators/Oxylog	Nil	16 Oxylog	2
Number of negative pressure isolation rooms	2	8 plus 1 pod that can be isolated	1
Number of Isolation rooms (non pressurised)	8		4

Operating Theatre Inventory				
	SSEH	POWH	SGH	TSH
Number of Anaesthetics Machines	6 (plus 1 spare)	28 (including 4x RHW)	26 available for deployment (allow 3x OTs to remain functioning)	Only 2 out of 7 with full UPS back up (for ventilator and patient monitoring)

Emergency Department Inventory				
	SSEH	POWH	SGH	TSH
Number of Ventilators		3 (from ICU)	6	4 x Oxylog 3000 +
Number of Non Invasive ventilators		4	5	3 x Phillips
Number of transport ventilators/Oxylog	1 Draeger Oxylog 3000 1 Oxylog 2000 charging in Resus bay	Nil	5	0

Note: Transport Oxylog ventilators not suitable for patients with respiratory failure. As oxylog ventilators are not ideal for providing mechanical ventilation to acutely unwell patients consider using Oxylog for more stable patients with non-respiratory illnesses to increase availability of ventilators suitable for influenza patients.

6. DEFINITIONS

- Critical Care Resource management System (CCRS): a statewide web based information system to assist with the coordination and decision making for the referral and placement of critically ill patients to the appropriate level of definitive care. CCRS displays the availability of ICU and HDU beds across NSW.

Note: The Patient Flow Portal (Version 7) will replace CCRS from June 2018.

Enhancements in version 7 include intensive care bed status, estimated date of discharge, request for ward transfer, nursing dependency and mechanical ventilation status.

- **Healthcare Facility Controller:** Nominated position at a healthcare facility level responsible for emergency management planning and operations. The Healthcare Facility Controller is the initial point of contact within a healthcare facility for an emergency and notifies the healthcare facility Executives and LHD HSFAC of any emergencies that may require a LHD coordination or support.
- **HEALTH PLAN:** is the NSW Health Services Functional Area Supporting Plan (NSW HEALTHPLAN) to support the NSW State Emergency Management Plan (EMPLAN).
- **Health Services Functional Area Coordinator (HSFAC):** An appointed position at Local Health District level that has the delegated authority of the LHD Chief Executive to coordinate and commit LHD resources for the response to, and recovery from, an emergency. The LHD HSFAC is the initial point of contact within a Local Health District for an emergency and notifies the State HSFAC of any emergency that may require State-level coordination or support under the NSW HEALTHPLAN.
- **Local Health Districts (LHD):** established under the Health Administration Act 1982 to provide health services to the residents within their geographical boundaries. A Local Health District is responsible for the administration of NSW Health's policies and responsibilities within those geographical boundaries.
- **Surge Capacity:** The maximum patient load that a hospital or medical system can handle. During a health emergency, hospitals must convert quickly from their current care capacity to surge capacity. Surge capacity is managed through a re-prioritisation of health care needs to provide essential services to mass casualties or increased presentations in a pandemic e.g. cancellation of elective surgery, diversion of patients with minor complaints or early discharge of hospitalised patients.

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7.1 SESLHD Intensive Care Services Influenza Escalation Plan - Updated 2018

- Severe influenza pandemics will have a substantial impact on intensive care resources (PD 2010_028 Influenza pandemic – providing critical care). The following Table provides an escalation procedure based on a staged increase in appropriate intensive care bed, deployment of staff and equipment, based on the magnitude of the surge in demand.
- The following surge levels correspond to a range of strategies that should be considered to meet increased demand.

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SESLHD Intensive Care Services Escalation Plan – 2018

Surge Level	Strategy	Responsibility	Escalation of Issues	Notes
1.Pre-Surge ICU occupancy close to 100% of funded bed capacity	Normal			
Communication and Coordination	Usual communication & escalation processes to ensure effective critical care bed usage	Facility IC Director/NM & Patient Flow Manager		MOH 2018 – Infectious disease alerts http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/default.aspx
Creating ICU Capacity	All funded ICU/HDU beds are operational (54 ICU /12 HDU beds) Any intensive care exit blocked patient/s are prioritised ward transfer i.e. ward beds prioritised for intensive care discharges	Facility IC Director and NM/NUMs and Facility patient flow manger.	Facility Executive	Patient Flow Portal Version 7: ICU bed status is updated as changes occur or at least every 4 hours.
Workforce Protection	Annual Influenza vaccination program PD Refer to Facility Critical Care Influenza Escalation plan for the process of managing and treating clinical and non clinical ICU staff with symptoms of influenza.	Facility IC Director and NM/NUM		MOH PD2018_009 Occupational Assessment, Screening and Vaccination against specified infectious diseases (page 22 Annual Influenza vaccination program) NB: Mandatory annual influenza vaccination required for Category A High Risk staff (staff must provide evidence of annual influenza vaccination by 1 June each year). Category A – High risk includes staff working in intensive care units.
Increasing Workforce	Identify staff with critical care skills and experience who could be deployed to ICU/HDU (i.e. staff with previous critical care experience / RNs who have rotated through critical care)	DON in conjunction with ICU NM/NUM		

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Surge Level	Strategy	Responsibility	Escalation of Issues	Notes
Critical Care Inventory	Identify /develop a facility inventory of bed spaces that could accommodate a ventilated intubated patient (i.e. recovery, peri-operative)	DON in conjunction with Facility Equipment Officers and/or Intensive Care Equipment Managers		Ministry of Health PD2010_028 Influenza Pandemic Providing Critical Care
	Develop and maintain a facility inventory of essential critical care equipment i.e. ventilators, oxygen saturation monitors	Intensive Care Equipment Managers		
Education Resources	Develop/revise fast track critical care learning resources for identified supplementary non- ICU trained staff deployed to ICU.	ICU Educators	ICU NM/NUM	ICU learning resource to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABCDEFG • Hypoxia & O2 therapy • Mechanical ventilation • Hemodynamic monitoring • Arrhythmia interpretation • Standard Infection Prevention Precautions
Infection Control	Education update sessions - infection prevention and control principles	ICU Educators and Infection Prevention and Control staff		MOH PD2017_013 Infection Prevention and Control Policy
	Clinical staff and identified support staff to be competent in donning and removing PPE	Facility IC Director and NM/NUM		
	Fit checking of P2 masks for all staff required to wear PPE. Maintain register of all staff trained in the above.	Facility IC Director and NM/NUM		
	In preparation for winter ensure all critical care staff are vaccinated for influenza as per - MOH PD2018_009 Occupational Assessment, Screening	Facility IC Director and NM/NUM		

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Surge Level	Strategy	Responsibility	Escalation of Issues	Notes
	and Vaccination against specified infectious diseases			
Waste Management and Cleaning	Usual cleaning arrangements appropriate to critical care environments.	Environmental Cleaning Mangers and ICU NM/NUMs		Cleaning protocol should include frequency and method of environmental decontamination
Security	Normal arrangements			
2. Minor Surge 5-10% ICU Activity	Enhanced			
Communication and Coordination	Provision of influenza status updates outlining issues and facility response to critical care bed demand.	GM / ICU Director		MOH Influenza preparedness website / Influenza alert & recent incidents
	Increase in frequency of Public Health Reporting Emergency Department Surveillance data i.e. Emergency Department daily flu presentations	Biopreparedness Epidemiologist Public Health Unit		
Creating Intensive Care Bed Capacity	Open additional non-commissioned ICU bed spaces Commence early discharge of patients to home care where appropriate Liaise with private health facilities to put cooperative service agreements on alert	Director of Clinical Services in conjunction with ICU Director ICU Director/On duty Intensivist MOH/Chief Executive/ General Managers		Ministry of Health PD2010_028 Influenza Pandemic Providing Critical Care

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Surge Level	Strategy	Responsibility	Escalation of Issues	Notes
Workforce Protection	<p>Provide advice to staff (MOH Influenza Information sheet)</p> <p>Staff with an increased vulnerability to influenza to self-nominate to line manager.</p> <p>ICU staff absenteeism monitored by line manager</p> <p>Implement Guidelines for minimising transmission of influenza in healthcare facilities (GL2010_006)</p> <p>Influenza treatment provided early to symptomatic ICU staff</p>	<p>Facility Surge Plan</p> <p>DON In consultation with ICU NM/NUM</p>		
Increasing Workforce	<p>Increase nursing workforce by: additional shifts for part-time staff, pool staff, agency and overtime</p>	DON		<p>1 x additional bed per week equates to 14x (12 hr) nursing shifts</p> <p>4x additional IC beds equates to 56x (12hr) shifts per week</p> <p>PD2010_028 plan to sustain increased capacity up to 3 months</p>
Inventory	<p>Ensure sufficient ventilator consumables stocked to meet 60% surge in activity.</p>	ICU Director & ICU Equipment Manager		<p>Consumables should be closed circuits</p> <p>Number of standard adult ICU ventilators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POWH 20 • SGH 31 • TSH 10
Workforce Education	<p>Continue to roll out fast track education sessions for supplementary nursing staff identified for deployment to ICU.</p> <p>Continue top up education for cleaning and support staff.</p>	ICU Educators	ICU NM/NUM	

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Surge Level	Strategy	Responsibility	Escalation of Issues	Notes
Infection Control	Isolate influenza patients if possible or cohort infectious patients. Avoid nebulisation of medications in infectious patients	ICU Director and NM/HDU & Infection Prevention & Control staff		
Waste Management and cleaning	Cleaning and waste collection schedules to increase	ICU NM and Environmental Cleaning Managers		
Security	Review normal requirements, plan to increase service when required			
3. Moderate Surge 11-20%	Augmented			
Communication	Communication structures are heightened to brief staff of facility's response to the pandemic	General Managers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure staff are informed and prepared for impact of increased demand of critical capacity - Key areas include critical care, operating theatres, day surgery units recovery, coronary care
Creating ICU Bed Capacity	Where clinically appropriate defer complex elective surgery requiring post op ICU/HDU management.	ICU Director, Surgeons, facility Executive	LHD Executive SESLHD HSFAC	NSW Health has reviewed ICU activity data via the NSW Health Information Exchange 2007/08 and has estimated that planned ICU activity attributes to 30% of all ICU activity. In SESLHD deferring elective surgery could equate to 19 additional ICU beds.
	Progressively convert HDU beds to ICU beds	ICU Director/NM		
	Activate Facility Surge Plan to convert non ICU areas (capable of managing ventilated patients) to satellite ICUs i.e. recovery, peri-operative and respiratory units).	ICU Director and NM/NUM, Facility Executive		
	Consider private sector for non-deferrable surgical patients	Directors of Clinical Services Facility Surge Plan		

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Surge Level	Strategy	Responsibility	Escalation of Issues	Notes
Workforce Protection	Assessment and triage/admission of front line clinical staff with symptoms of influenza	Designated medical admissions officer		MOH protocols
Increasing Workforce	Deploy nursing staff from peri-operative areas Continue fast track education sessions for non ICU trained staff	Facility Surge Plan DONs in conjunction with NUMs from affected clinical areas with input from ICU.	Directors of Operations	14x (12 hour) shifts per week would be required for each HDU bed converted to an ICU bed.
Inventory	Deploy ventilators from other clinical areas. Flag ventilator shortfall. Ensure sufficient quantity of ventilator consumables stocked.	ICU Director and ICU Equipment Manager	Healthcare Facility Controller SESLHD HSFAC	NB Transport Oxylog ventilators not suitable for patients with respiratory failure.
Education	Continue on-going fast track education for non-ICU trained/experienced staff. Continue education of ICU cleaning and support staff	ICU Educators	ICU NM/NUM	
Infection Prevention and Control	On-going application of infection prevention and control procedures. Plan strategies to cohort infectious and non-infectious patients within satellite ICUs	ICU Director, Surgeons, facility Executive, Infection Prevention and Control staff		
Waste Management and Cleaning	Cleaning schedules and waste collection frequency to increase. Priority given to ICU for Environmental cleaning	Environmental Cleaning Managers and ICU NM/NUMs		
Security	Review normal requirements, plan to increase service when required			
4. Major Surge 21-50%	Max Capacity Apply to all facilities			
Communication	Daily staff briefings	General Managers		

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Surge Level	Strategy	Responsibility	Escalation of Issues	Notes
Creating ICU Bed Capacity	Expand ICU services to all suitable clinical areas such as recovery and peri operative units to meet on-going demand	DON in conjunction with NUMs from affected clinical areas with input from ICU manager		
	Defer clinically appropriate elective surgery and other elective procedures	ICU Director, Surgeons, facility Executive		
Workforce Protection	Ensure strict adherence with infection prevention precautions	Infection Prevention and Control staff		
Increasing Workforce	Deploy all available nursing staff to satellite ICU areas	DON		
Inventory	Escalate the number of projected equipment shortfalls.	ICU Director & ICU Equipment Manager	Healthcare Facility Controller SESLHD HSFAC	
Education	On-going as required	ICU Educators	ICU NM	
Infection Control	On-going application of infection control procedures	ICU Director, NM/NUMs, Infection Prevention and Control staff		
Waste Management and Cleaning	Cleaning and waste collection frequency to increase.	Environmental Cleaning Managers and ICU NM/NUMs		
Security	Review normal requirements, plan to increase service if required			
5. Large Scale Surge Emergency > 50%	Exceed Capacity			

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Surge Level	Strategy	Responsibility	Escalation of Issues	Notes
All Available Resources are in Use	Implement Three Tier Triage only on directive from NSW Health / SESLHD CE 1) Allocation 2) Withdrawal 3) Dispute resolution process	1) Referring speciality i.e. ED or ward in consultation with ICU clinicians 2) ICU Consultant and 1 other medical officer 3) LHD or State TBA		NSW Health PD2010_028 Influenza Pandemic – Providing Critical Care
Workforce Protection	Continue strict adherence with infection prevention precautions	Infection Prevention and Control staff / ICU Educators		
Nursing Workforce	Deploy all available nursing staff to satellite ICU areas Staffing at baseline profile as per NSW Health PD 2010_028 Influenza Pandemic – Providing Critical Care Adjustment models of care and rostering to maintain best possible skill ratio	SESLHD Executive SESLHD HSFAC ICU with support from DON		
Inventory	Monitor stock level. Prepare to adjust usual standards in relation to frequency of changing ventilator circuits	Intensive Care Equipment Nurse Managers/ NUM		
Education	Continue as required			
Infection Control	On-going application of infection control procedures	ICU Director, NM/NUMs, Infection Prevention and Control staff		
Waste Management and Cleaning	Cleaning and waste collection frequency to increase.	Environmental Cleaning Managers and ICU NM/NUMs		
Security	Security presence at access points and ICU	Facility Plan		

7.2 Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO)

NSW Health [PD2010_028](#) Influenza Pandemic – Providing Critical Care describes the indications for ECMO referral.

7.3 Treatment for Patients with an Influenza-like illness

NSW Health [PD2010_028](#) Influenza Pandemic – Providing Critical Care has treatment guidelines for patients with influenza-like illness in ICU.

7.4 Infection Control

NSW Health [PD2010_028](#) Influenza Pandemic – Providing Critical Care describes infection control requirements related to management of patients with an influenza-like illness.

NHMRC: [Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Health Care – 2010](#) (Section B2.4).

7.5 Laboratory Testing

NSW Health [PD2010_028](#) Influenza Pandemic – Providing Critical Care describes laboratory testing for patients with an influenza-like illness.

All ICU patients with suspected influenza to have nasal/pharyngeal swabs collected AND lower respiratory tract specimens, if possible, for testing by PCR.

All ventilated patients to have respiratory tract specimens for resistance testing, collected between days 7-10 and weekly, if still ventilated and with clinical evidence of treatment failure.

For patient with an influenza like illness who have a negative PCR test, to have serological test.

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8. [APPENDIX A](#)

The following key information should be incorporated into the facility critical care surge plan and updated annually:

Inventory of Critical Care Capacity & Equipment - SESLHD

Site – Public Facilities	POWH	RHW	SGH ICU 1	SGH ICU 2	TSH
Unit Description	ICU/HDU	HDU	ICU	HDU	ICU/HDU
Number of Commissioned ICU /HDU Beds					
Total Bed Capacity of Unit					
Total Number of Isolation Rooms					
Number of Negative Pressure Isolation Rooms					
Total Number of standard invasive ventilation devices					
Total number of non-ICU ventilation devices e.g. transport ventilators					
Total number of non-ICU ventilation devices e.g. anaesthetic machines					
Total number of additional potential bed spaces in the facility that are equipped to provide safe ventilation (exclude ICU / HDU). List location and corresponding bed number					
List of nursing staff employed in the facility with critical care experience that could be deployed to care for a ventilated patient					

Additional Resources

- NSW Health [Winter Flu Campaign posters resources for Hospitals and Health Care Facilities](#)
- Collecting Nose and Throat Swabs for Testing – [Collection resources](#)
- NSW Health [Infection Prevention and Control Policy](#) (PD2017_013)
- NSW Health [Infection Control resources](#) (PPE advice, posters, facility entrance signage)

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- Immunisation Handbook (10th Edition, 2013. NHMRC) – [Influenza chapter](#)
- Australian Department of Health - Immunise Australia – [Influenza immunisation resources](#)
- Australian Department of Health – [A Practical Guide to assist in the Prevention and Management of Influenza Outbreaks in Residential Care Facilities](#)
- NSW Health [Public Health Unit Influenza Control Guidelines](#)

9. DOCUMENTATION

- NSW Health [PD2010_028](#) Influenza Pandemic – Providing Critical Care

10. AUDIT

Critical Care Coordinator to maintain and monitor data base nominated by NSW Health e.g. FlulCU, ANZIC Research Centre database.

11. REFERENCES

NSW Health [PD2010_028](#) Influenza Pandemic – Providing Critical Care
NSW Health [PD2017_013](#) Infection Prevention and Control Policy

12. REVISION AND APPROVAL HISTORY

Date	Revision No.	Author and Approval
24/05/2010	Draft	Draft procedure developed and based on NSW Health Guidelines for the provision of Critical Care in Response to Influenza Pandemic and draft SESIH Intensive Care Influenza Pandemic Surge Plan - circulated to Program Coordinator Intensive Care Services and Clinical Stream Manager Critical Care and Emergency to review and provided comments
02/06/2010	Draft	Draft procedure revised to incorporate new NSW Health policy directives and guidelines – circulated to Area ICU Executives and Nursing Committees to review and provide comments
30/07/2010	Draft	Draft procedure place on SESIAHS intranet for comment
1/12/10	0	Endorsed by Area Patient Safety & Clinical Quality Committee Noted by Area Clinical Council
14/3/2013	0.1	Procedure reformatted using the SESLHD and sent to District Pace Manager / ICU Program Manager
15/4/2013	0.2	District Pace Manager / ICU Program Manager circulated procedure to SESLHD ICU NUMs and Directors for review and comment.
9/5/2013	0.2	Procedure placed on SESLHD intranet for broader consultation
15/8/2013	1	Approved by SESLHD Disaster Management Committee
October 2015	2	Review by Clinical Stream Manager Cardiac/Respiratory and Intensive Care and endorsed by Executive Sponsor
May 2018	3	Minor review relating to number of ICU beds, ventilators which have been adjusted to reflect annual changes – endorsed by Executive Sponsor.
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