

Management Protocols In ICU

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FOREWORD

Management protocols have been shown to improve patient outcome and resource utilisation in the intensive care units and thus, are being used increasingly. I hope all Malaysian ICUs will benefit from this series of protocols covering ten important topics prepared by local experts in the Ministry of Health.

Different approaches in clinical management are expected, however, these protocols are developed with the objective of improving patient care in the intensive care unit as they are based on current best evidence. Clinicians must regularly review the protocols in the light of new evidences and make the necessary changes to the protocols.

Staff must be familiar with these protocols before they are introduced in individual units. Therefore, I urge you to provide the necessary training to the staff in your unit before implementing them.

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The protocols may be downloaded from the following websites:

Malaysian Society of Anaesthesiologists: www.msa.net.my
National Audit on Adult Intensive Care Units: www.icu.org.my

List of management protocols

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