

# Intensive care unit

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Object Class

**METEOR identifier:** 319204

**Registration status:** [Health](#), Recorded 14/07/2006

**Definition:** An *intensive care* unit (ICU) is a designated ward of a hospital which is specially staffed and equipped to provide observation, care and treatment to patients with actual or potential life-threatening illnesses, injuries or complications, from which recovery is possible.

The ICU provides special expertise and facilities for the support of vital functions and utilises the skills of medical, nursing and other staff trained and experienced in the management of these problems.

## Relational attributes

**Data Element Concepts implementing this Object Class:** [Intensive care unit—level of intensive care](#)  
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[Intensive care unit—unit identifier](#)  
[Health](#), Recorded 14/07/2006