RIC (Resource Intensive Care) Nurse

Background

- The role is uncommon but becoming an innovative role
- Job description is highly variable and tailored to meet the needs of each organization
- RIC Nurse does not have a patient assignment

Responsibilities

- Functions as the Lead RN on RRT/Code Blue Team
- Cares for unstable patients until appropriate bed available
- Travels with ICU patients for tests
- Assists in: setting up CRRT, ECMOS catheter, settling hearts, physician procedures, etc...
- Cover for meal breaks
- Makes assessment visit 12 hours after RRT
- Collects quality data
- Serves as a mentor/resource for new nurses

FTE Requirement

- Staffed out of ICU Float Pool 24/7
- One RIC per shift when staffing allows
- 4.2-5 FTE’s required to provide this coverage