

The Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine

ICM Unit Brief

Part 1 Hospital Details

1.1 Hospital name

Colchester General Hospital

1.2 Full address (you **must** include postcode)

Turner Road
Colchester
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1.3 Hospital Telephone number

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Part 2 ICU Department contact details

2.1 Direct telephone number to Department

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2.2 Faculty Tutor name

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2.3 Faculty Tutor Email address

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Part 3 Unit Structure

3.1 Number of Beds

13

3.2 Number of admissions

Around 800 per year

3.3 Percentage of elective vs emergency admissions

Elective 20% Emergency 80%

3.4 Overview of case mix within the unit

Emergency medical admissions comprise around 60% of admissions. Co-morbidity in the local population is prevalent. Of the remaining admissions, around half are elective surgical cases and half follow emergency surgery. We are a centre for elective and emergency major vascular, and major colorectal surgery.

Although 13 beds are commissioned, surge capacity during the covid pandemic has facilitated up to 28 patients.

Critically ill children undergo initial stabilisation by the critical care team before retrieval.

3.5 Names of Consultants, roles and areas of interest

Name	Role (eg clinical lead, consultant)	Areas of Interest
R.Sreenivasan	Clinical Lead. FUSIC mentor	
P.Bishop	Director of medical education. ACCP training	
S.Cole	FICM Tutor. ACCP training. FUSIC mentor	
A.Eldridge	Clinical Information System. Equipment	
P. Figgis	Simulation	
M.Ramali	Research and audit	
S. Pearson	M&M. Critical care follow up.	
S. MacDonnell	Rehabilitation	
G.Watling	Infection Control	

3.6 Details of research projects being undertaken within the unit

The department is actively involved in research

Current trials include:

1. REMAP-CAP trial
2. SIGNET trial

Recent trials include CIRCA and EFFORT

3.7 How is the unit staffed?

Consultant cover is 1 in 10: resident from 08:00 to 22:00. Two consultants cover the unit in the morning.

Currently we have the following trainees. There is a minimum of 3-4 trainees during day:

An airway-trained rota with trainees from core anaesthetic, ACCS or Anaesthesia/ICM specialty training background; we also have clinical fellows and staff grade doctors.

Non-airway rota includes IMT trainees, foundation year doctors and clinical fellows

We also have two trainee advanced critical care practitioners (ACCPs)

Part 4**Training****4.1 Details of training opportunities on the unit**

There are twice daily multidisciplinary consultant ward rounds although senior trainees will be encouraged to lead on these. There is also a daily microbiology ward round, and a weekly rehabilitation multidisciplinary ward round. On-calls will give exposure to critically ill adults and children and their immediate stabilisation.

There is a regular ICU follow up clinic, which trainees are encouraged to attend. Attendance is also encouraged at weekly M&M meetings and departmental governance meetings.

The unit is equipped with a variety of modern organ support forms, including citrate haemofiltration. Our ventilators and point-of-care ultrasound machines are state-of-the-art having been replaced in 2020. We have an electronic clinical information system for documentation and prescription (CareVue).

There is good opportunity to be involved in teaching and simulation; quality improvement and research. "Non-clinical time" can be provided to aid this.

We are able to provide FUSIC echocardiography training with accredited trainers.

FFICM and FRCA viva practice can also be facilitated.

4.2 Details of departmental teaching

Weekly ICM teaching delivered by consultants, including simulation

Weekly anaesthetic teaching also by consultants

Bi-weekly journal club

Trust grand round

FUSIC-training

4.3 Details of clinical governance meetings days and / or M & M

Weekly M&M and monthly governance meetings are held

4.4 Number of trainees on each tier of the rota

Minimum 3-4 trainees during day time

Two tier rota (1:8 pattern):

Airway trainee from anaesthetic/ACCS/ICM/senior clinical fellow/staff grade background

Non-airway trainee: foundation year / IMT / ACCS / clinical fellows