

Unidad de cuidados intensivos

Una unidad de cuidados intensivos (UCI), unidad de vigilancia intensiva (UVI) o centro de tratamiento intensivo (CTI) o Unidad de terapia intensiva (UTI) es una instalación especial dentro del área hospitalaria que proporciona medicina intensiva.

Los pacientes neuroquirúrgicos candidatos a entrar en cuidados intensivos son aquellos que tienen alguna condición grave de salud que pone en riesgo la vida y que por tal requieren de una monitorización constante de sus signos vitales y otros parámetros.

Los pacientes que ingresan en una Unidad de Cuidados Intensivos (UCI) por traumatismo craneoencefálico (TCE) o accidente cerebrovascular agudo (ACVA) presentan una elevada gravedad y mortalidad. En estos pacientes es habitual evaluar el grado de lesión cerebral a su ingreso mediante una tomografía computarizada (TC) cerebral, que permite el conocimiento sobre el tipo de lesión cerebral anatómica y orienta acerca de la actitud terapéutica. Además, aporta información pronóstica de gran valor, como han mostrado múltiples estudios

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