

I would like to emphasize that all patients are different. Although majority of vented patients with titrating pressors are busy with high acuity, a patient with respiratory failure or congested heart failure requiring facial or nasal bipap may be more acute and time consuming.

I feel it is essential to have the patient's individual nurse's judgement in conjunction with an acuity tool that is updated frequently. And it has to be the nurse s that are taking care of the patients, not the manager or charge nurse that is overseeing the unit.

It is also essential to assess the nursing staff (senior, junior or float nurse) and ancillary (pca, tech and/or secretary) staff that are on each shift. A more senior nurse may be able to safely handle a certain type of patient then a junior nurse

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