



Indian Intensive Care Case Mix and Practice Patterns Study (INDICAPS)

INDICAPS is the first large scale, multicentre survey launched and sponsored by the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine. We aim to gather information about ICUs, patients in ICUs, the types and severity of illness, monitoring and therapeutic modalities used, types of infections, etc. We have no authentic, national data and this is our attempt to generate such data.

We plan to collect data of all patients in the ICU on one particular day, and four such days spread throughout a one-year period have been selected : the second Wednesday of July and October this year, i.e. July 14 and October 13, 2010 and the second Wednesday of January and April next year, i.e. January 12 and April 13, 2011. This cross-sectional design makes it easy to follow, but does require that you spare time for us on that one day. This will generate powerful and important data on Indian critical care.

We hope to enroll as many ICUs all over the country as possible, and, therefore, invite you all to participate. Each unit will be required to complete one form on the demographics of the ICU itself plus one form for each patient on the ICU or admitted to the ICU on the day of the study. In each center, the ICU co-ordinator or an alternative contact will be responsible for the data collection.

The data forms will be hosted on the ISCCM website, sent by email, and completed forms can be returned either electronically or by regular mail.

This study will be observational and non-interventional, and patient data will be anonymous. We would prefer that each institution get permission its institution's ethical committee. If your hospital does not have an ethics committee, please contact the co-ordinating centre.

So whether your ICU is large or small, 5-star hospital or 5-bed nursing home, urban or rural, full or empty, overstaffed or under-staffed, surgical or medical or cardiac or neuro, do not hesitate to join this study.

With warm regards

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