

# Quick Look Procedure Resource for CRITICAL CARE staff

## Supervision and Delegation

**Registered nurses (Critical Care Nurses) are responsible for managing the nursing care, delegation and supervision of care provided by others in the team.**

### Skills /Roles

**Critical Care Nurse -Work to their skills and knowledge parameters**

**Including but not limited to:**

- Leadership and Supervision of team, escalating problems accordingly
- Haemodynamic Parameters for each patient – when they need alerting
- Ventilation observation parameters
- Titration and changes over of inotropes /vasopressors

**All redeployed staff entering into the Critical Care should identify their knowledge and skills and be under supervision of a critical care nurse**

### **Registered Nurse (Category 'A' )**

- Ventilation
  - Care of the ETT/Tracheostomy, patient position changes, securing device monitoring and application
  - In-line suctioning
  - Ventilator observations
  - Respond to ventilator alarms and troubleshoots - escalates /report to supervising nurse
- Invasive Lines
  - Assessment of invasive lines/drains and performs dressing changes
  - Manage /Maintain lines - change of transducer sets /pressure bag
  - Blood sampling from invasive lines i.e.– ABG's
  - Report results to supervising/senior nurse
- Drugs
  - Administer and manage IV infusions -antibiotics /IV fluids etc
  - Assist critical care nurse with inotropes /vasopressors
  - Management of controlled drugs

### **Clinical Care Worker (Category 'B')**

- Offer comfort and support to patient
- Record haemodynamic observations -report to supervising/senior nurse
- Record urine output – emptying drainage bags – escalate as instructed
- Patient care: provide hygiene needs e.g. eye/mouth care, assist with positional changes – report any problem

