

## 4.17 ICU Physician Coverage—TYPE I

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### Applicable Levels

LI, LII, PTCI, PTCII

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### Definition and Requirements

In Level I and II trauma centers, the ICU must be staffed with physicians who are continuously available within 15 minutes of request and whose primary responsibility is to the ICU.

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### Additional Information

Physicians include residents, fellows, or attendings.

“Continuously” is defined as 24/7/365 and implies there are no gaps in coverage.

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### Measures of Compliance

- ICU/PICU call schedules
- Evaluated during the site visit process

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### Resources

None

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### References

None