

Reply to "Health and safety management system to improve the self-protection plans in intensive care units"[☆]



Respuesta a «Sistema de gestión de seguridad y salud para garantizar la operatividad de los planes de autoprotección en unidades de cuidados intensivos»

Dear Editor,

First of all, we wish to express our gratitude for the interest shown by the authors on our paper, which clearly shows the preoccupation of some professionals when it comes to guaranteeing the effectiveness of self-protection plans at the ICU setting.¹

We also wish to say that at our own ICU we have one Emergency and Self-Protection Plan including one triage system for every patient based on care priorities and possibilities of daily survival known by the entire personnel.² All integrated within the right management system in order to address proceedings and processes that should guarantee protection when it comes to the safety and health of both users and healthcare professionals.^{3,4}

With this paper we wish to insist on how important it is not only to have one self-protection plan, but also carry out exposure and implementation activities to be successful here. We encourage our scientific society SEMICYUC to take a leading role in the creation of a task force for the development of these management systems. Also, we believe it is necessary to incorporate a new quality indicator to the ones already defined by the SEMICYUC, including these plans properly organized, exposed, updated, and tested through periodic drills within the IMU setting and following international expert recommendations.⁵

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