



Enhancing Recovery after Intensive Care Medicine in Clinical Practice

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Millions of patients are treated in intensive care units worldwide every year. In developed countries, up to 20% of in-patient sector-related healthcare costs account for these patients in the acute phase of their disease. Survivors of critical illness frequently suffer from long-term consequences such as cognitive disturbances, impaired physical function, mental illness, and a reduced HRQoL. Frequently, these domains are summarized as post-intensive care syndrome (PICS). The trajectory of critically ill patients during their recovery is influenced by a number of different factors involving the in- and out-patient sector. This issue focuses on prevention, diagnostics, and treatment of critically ill patients with a focus on outcomes, pre-morbid status, preventive measures during the acute phase of illness, diagnostic tools, and tests to evaluate for PICS and post-ICU dysfunctions. All kinds of interventional, diagnostic, and observational studies are welcome.





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