

## **24/7 ICUs**

ICUs are moving to a more “round-the-clock” model of functioning. Specifically, ICUs have become increasingly friendly to visitors at all hours of the day and have “up-staffed” overnight. In general, an expectation that a critically ill patient can receive the same support and care regardless of the time of day is reasonable; however, these changes may have unintended (sometimes negative) consequences. In this talk, I will review what is known about how this changing view and structure of our ICUs impacts patients, families, and clinicians.