

Table 4 *Standards and Statements in Peer-Review Round*

<b>Standard 1</b>	<b>Critical care nurses are accountable for their own professional practice by:</b>
1.1	Conducting a professional, complete and accurate systematic patient assessment
1.2	Using systematic assessments to identify patients at risk for or experiencing deterioration and implements measures to prevent further deterioration
1.3	Implementing the care plan and treatments in collaboration with the patient’s medical team, assuming mutual responsibility for safe and appropriate care and treatment
1.4	Ensuring patient regular safety checks of equipment and alarms
1.5	Recognizing the importance of the patient’s partner, family or friends as a resource to the patient, providing information, guidance and support
1.6	Advocating for patient and family-centred care based on current recommendations
<b>Standard 2*</b>	<b>Critical care nurses use evidence to inform their practice by:</b>
2.2	Implementing evidence-based guidelines and recommendations
2.3	Maintaining patient care standards to ensure high quality consistent care is provided across the continuum of care
2.4	Describing clinical issues using evidence collected from the clinical setting, such as patient assessment data, outcomes, and quality-improvement data
2.5	Seeking current learning opportunities for evidence-based practice
2.6	Contributing to critical care research and knowledge development
<b>Standard 3</b>	<b>Critical care nurses engage in ethical practice by:</b>
3.1	Practicing guided by their provincial and / or national code of ethics
3.2	Protecting patient confidentiality
3.3	Advocating for the concerns of patients and their support network
3.4	Delivering care in a nonjudgmental and non-discriminatory manner that meets the diverse needs of the patient, family, and community
3.5	Always maintaining patient autonomy, dignity, values, beliefs, and rights
3.6	Reporting unethical, illegal, incompetent, impaired or any other unprofessional practices
3.7	Ensuring informed consent is obtained for procedures and appropriately advocates for vulnerable patients
3.8	Practicing in a manner that actualizes concepts of equity, diversity, and inclusion
<b>Standard 4</b>	<b>Critical care nurses demonstrate accountability in their professional practice by:</b>
4.1	Seeking clarification on unclear instructions and questioning interventions to ensure safe outcomes
4.2	Engaging in self-reflection, performance evaluation, and peer review to ensure competent practice
4.3	Reflecting on their practice and maintaining awareness of their capacity to provide safe and competent nursing care

<b>Standard 5</b>	<b>Critical care nurses both demonstrate and advocate for strong leadership in critical care by:</b>
5.1	Engaging in collaboration with all care providers involved in the care of the patient
5.2	Maintaining professional behaviour to promote a healthy team and work environment
5.3	Recognizing early warning signs of unit and/or patient instability and advising senior colleagues or other members of the clinical team and others as needed
5.4	Advocating for appropriate, safe, acuity-based staffing
5.5	Providing formal and informal mentorship to learners, including nursing students and other nurses
5.6	Recognizing when organizational practice does or does not align with critical care practice and communicating members of the clinical team or critical care nursing leadership as needed
<b>Standard 6</b>	<b>Critical care nurses advocate for strong leadership of critical care environments and teams by:</b>
6.1	Engaging in collaboration with all care providers involved in the care of the patient
6.2	Maintaining professional behaviour to promote a healthy team and work environment
6.3	Quickly recognizing early warning signs and advises senior colleagues or other members of the clinical team and others as needed
6.4	Advocating for appropriate, safe, acuity-based staffing
<b>Standard 7</b>	<b>Critical care nurses are recognized as specialized in their practice by:</b>
7.1	Requiring specialized education and training (provided by experts) to work in critical care areas
7.2	Participating in an orientation program prior to working independently
7.3	Quickly recognizing early warning signs and advises senior colleagues or other members of the clinical team and others as needed
7.4	Engaging in ongoing education to maintain competence
<b>Standard 8</b>	<b>Critical care nurses provide high-quality care across all transitions in the critical illness trajectory – admission through to survivorship or bereavement by:</b>
8.1	Determining family preference to be present (or not) for withdrawal of treatment and before and after death
8.2	Ensuring comfort, including hygiene, pain and anxiety control, during the dying process
8.3	Proactively performing primary and secondary assessments to prioritize care in an attempt to prevent deteriorations
8.4	Informing the team of about a dying patient to ensure support of colleagues, staff, and ensure appropriate consideration of family
8.5	Supporting patients and their family through all trajectories of death and dying in critical care (e.g. donation)

\* One sub-standard was removed due to lack of consensus on the final round.