Date and Time: 16th of January 2020 19:00- 20:00

**Subject:**  Enhanced level of care: how does this impact on ICU?

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BACCN Twitter Chat was launched during the #BACCNConf2016 in Glasgow and it’s been great exploring all your views and opinions on subjects that matters to us all and we are very exited in taking this forward into 2020!

Enhanced Care takes place in a ward setting. It is a pragmatic approach to reducing the risk of patients falling into a service gap: patients who would benefit from higher levels of monitoring or interventions than expected on a routine ward, but who do not require admission to critical care. This type of care has grown organically, originally for peri-operative patients (elective and emergency), expanding into the fields of maternity and medicine to deliver safe care to the patient at risk of deterioration. We’re asking:

1. Have you got an ‘Enhanced Care’ Medical or Surgical Unit in your hospital?

2. What are your thoughts on ADUs?

3. What level of treatments do they provide? Arterial lines, simple inotropes, NIV etc...

4. Do they work alongside the ICU team and Outreach? Is there a positive way your teams work to ensure safety and connected care within the two dept and specialities?

5. Has your ICU noticed any significant changes with these areas being created?

6. Before these areas existed where were these patients managed?

7. With many CCUs being funded for level 2 patient care do your ICUs, ADUs and CCUs communicate and support one another?

8. Does your ADUs/CCUs use the CC3N step competencies?

9. Do you think there is enough national and local guidance to support these enhanced care areas?

10. Is your enhanced care area protected for acute beds? Are you able to discharge and admit rapidly if needed? i.e.: ICU has national guidance for admission and discharging

10. What can be done to improve these areas?

11. Where do you see the role of these areas in the next 5-10years?

What’s been your experience, ideas or views? Let’s talk #baccnenhanced

**Reading list:**

National Competency Framework for Registered Practitioners: Level 1 Patient and Enhanced Care Areas: <https://www.norf.org.uk/resources/Documents/Competency%20Framework%20L1/Level%201%20competencies%20FINAL%207.7.18.pdf>.

Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine / Royal College of Physicians London Enhanced Care Working Parties 2019 “Enhanced Care: Guidance on service development in acute care”: <https://www.ficm.ac.uk/sites/default/files/enhanced_care_guidance_for_open_consultation_nov_2019_v2.pdf>