Preservation of Cognition and Mobility

Advances in intensive care medicine greatly improved survival rates following critical illness. However, the long-term consequences of these life-saving interventions were generally overlooked, only coming to light in recent years through large prospective studies and systematic analysis of data registers.

Survivors of intensive therapy often suffer from significant limitations. Cognitive disorders, loss of mobility, and psychiatric disorders are among the serious, and sometimes permanent, consequences of intensive care. It is not uncommon that patients remain dependent on organ replacement procedures, such as long-term ventilation. This complex of functional limitations is today collectively known as „Post-Intensive Care Syndrome“ (PICS), while the need for long-term application of intensive care measures is labeled „Chronic Critical Illness (CCI)“. CCI in particular involves long-term stays in intensive care facilities, which often lead to disability.

Germany has a higher density of intensive care beds than any other country, thus proportionally also a greater responsibility in the prevention of long-term consequences associated with intensive care. Aside from mortality, clinical studies are increasingly focusing on functional outcome, so as to evaluate the actual benefits of new interventions more accurately and transparently. In clinical routine, a prescient treatment of patients in respect to the preservation of cognition and mobility is seen as a hallmark of quality in intensive care. This was taken into consideration in the establishment of guidelines, e.g. concerning analgesia, sedation and delirium management, as it was declared by the German Interdisciplinary Association for Intensive and Emergency Medicine (DIVI) as a national quality indicator for intensive care medicine.

The realignment of intensive care medicine poses new scientific, social, and economic challenges. New strategies will be discussed with international experts at the Leopoldina Symposium „The Evolution of Intensive Care“, with the ultimate goal of improving the well-being of our patients.
February 24th & 25th, 2017

Leopoldina-Symposium: The Evolution of Intensive Care Medicine
From recumbency to fully functioning in everyday life

Friday, 24th of February 2017

9.00 - 10.30
Opening and Registration

9.30 - 11.30
Poster Presentation

10.30 - 11.30
Scientific Press Conference

11.30 - 12.00
Opening – Representative Leopoldina, Representative ESICM, Representative Charité

12.00 - 12.45
Surviving critical illness: A patient’s interview
Michael Felli, Gottfried Heinz
Jörg Naumann, Claudia Denke

12.45 - 14.45
Intensive Care 2017: A high price for everyone
Chair: Giuseppe Citerio, Jozef Kesecioglu

• After struggling with death: What’s the patient’s price for survival? - Nathan Brummel
• What is PICS from the public-health point of view? - Hannah Wunsch
• Regaining strength after ICU - Ursula Müller-Werdan
• Multisystem organ failure: Why doctors look at the wrong organs - Hans Flaatten

15.05 - 17.05
Innovations and basic conditions
Chair: Nathan Brummel, Claudia Spies (ML)

• What’s the personal price for innovation? Looking back on 10 years of enforcing and managing a new ICU concept - Jozef Kesecioglu
• An economical analysis of intensive care and the time after survival: It’s expensive to save at the wrong end - Reinhard Busse
• Designing a healing environment: What’s personal and public investment - Thomas Willemot
• Political decisions: What role does intensive care medicine play - Jean-Daniel Chiche

17.25 - 18.25
Round table: My dream of ICM 2020
Moderation: Christina Berndt

Saturday, 25th of February 2017

9.00 - 11.00
Sleep function and dysfunction
Chair: Margaret Pisani, Ingo Fietze

• Prevention of Delirium by a Modification in ICU Environment - Alawi Lütz

11.20 - 13.20
Reduction of stress
Chair: Arjen Sloooter, Bernhard Zwißler (ML)

• Glucose utilization and critical illness - Steffen Weber-Carstens
• EEG-based diagnostics of delirium - Arjen Sloooter
• GABA-A: The forgotten target - Ullrich Zeilhofer
• Reducing stress, increasing strengths: mobilization and impact on long-term outcome - Nicholas Hart

14.00 - 15.30
Surviving the ICU
Chair: Yahya Shehabi, Claudia Spies (ML)

• Surgery and ICU survived: The day after tomorrow - Georg Winterer
• Perioperative optimization and postoperative outcome: From alpha to omega - Michael Sander
• How to improve things: A relative’s perspective - Nicci Gerrard