



Category 4: Facilities

Optional

4.7 Facilitate family involvement in ICU/CCU setting by providing option for client to stay with pet in critical care setting.

Equipment and Supplies

May include but are not limited to:

- Comfortable chair for client
- Mat on floor for visiting with patient in a run
- Curtain on track at ceiling or moveable screen to allow for screening of other patients and/or hospital activities while client is visiting with patient

Examples and Compliance Paths

Practice must provide a protocol for allowing clients to visit critically ill patients. One or more locations must be provided for this activity.

- Provide seating area in ICU/CCU setting
- Provide a designated area in treatment for this activity; the area should be out of normal traffic flow
- Treatment runs may be used for this purpose, as clients may sit in them or in front of them out of the way of traffic flow (see photo example)
- The area may be screened with a half wall or movable screen to shield the client from other activities in treatment

Scoring

Observational



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Photo Examples



Half-height treatment runs with ideal configuration for client visiting. Credit: Foto Imagery / Tim Murphy