Data were analyzed via grounded theory and compared to the literature on staff-family conflict in general.

Results: It is known that, in general, physicians identify a situation less often as conflict-loaded than relatives, suggesting the presence of hidden conflicts during critical care [1–2]. However, in our studied multi-ethnic ICU conflicts were found to be explicitly recognized by both relatives as well as healthcare professionals, and to be very visible and auditable on the ward. Moreover where in general relative-staff conflict tend to be centered around crisis moments (end-of-life decision making, patients’ death) [3], we found that in a multi-ethnic ICU conflicts tend to be present during various care phases (curative phase, end-of-life decision making, non-curative phase, patients’ death) and concern a broad spectrum of care aspects (e.g. bedside care activities, seeking a second opinion), easily assuring the core of actors’ identity. Consequently, end-of-life decisions, often a difficult assignment in ICUs, might be even more problematical in a multi-ethnic context than in general, as tensions in the pre-end of life decision making phase might worsen conflicts in the end-of-life decision making phase.

Conclusions: In ICUs, staff-family conflicts tend to be more severe and overtly present in a multi-ethnic context than in general. Therefore we urge for the development of specific and effective staff-family conflict prevention strategies in a multi-ethnic ICU.

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Does the source of admission to critical care affect family satisfaction?

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Introduction: The management of critically ill patients is often challenging for clinicians with most being sedated or too unwell to be actively involved in aspects of their care. The quality of care received by patients can also vary between hospital locations, which in turn influences family perceptions of care provision. Family members are surrogates for patients and monitoring their experiences positively influences patient outcomes [1]. The aim of this study was to identify whether the source of admission to critical care had any impact family satisfaction.

Methods: This prospective study was conducted over a period of eight weeks on our critical care unit. Up to four relatives per patient prior to discharge from the unit, or after initiation of end of life care, were requested to fill in a modified (Family satisfaction Survey (FSS)) ICU questionnaire. The qualitative responses obtained using a Likert scale were transformed into numerical data for analysis.

Results: 34 completed surveys were analysed with majority of the respondents being female (65%). 46% of the patients were admitted from the emergency resuscitation department and whilst admissions from the inpatient wards accounted for 34%. Of the patients admitted from the emergency department the level of satisfaction was excellent (56%) or very good (54%) in all aspects of the patient care, as opposed to 36% of patients from the ward.

Conclusions: The results show that relatives are more likely to be satisfied when admitted from the emergency department than the from an inpatient ward. There is a correlation between inclusion in the decision-making process and overall satisfaction. The timely manner in which patients are admitted from the emergency department (RESUS) as well as the levels of staffing on initial management may account for the results seen.

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sought to identify the support required by volunteers from healthcare professionals involved in the project.

Methods: Six in depth semi structured interviews were undertaken with volunteers (both patients and family members) involved in the InSPIRE clinic by an assistant psychologist. A predeteremined topic guide was utilised to guide interviews. Interviews were audio recorded and transcribed verbatim. Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis was used to analyse the transcripts (3). Peer Review was undertaken to ensure credibility of the findings.

Results: Findings: Six key themes were identified from these interviews: the social impact of volunteering, shared experiences; supporting others; personal boundaries; support needs and personal gain. The importance of peer support and having a shared understanding of participants needs were key themes for the volunteers. Volunteers described the need for further support in areas such as: confidentiality; listening skills and understanding boundaries.

Conclusions: The use of peer volunteers in this ICU rehabilitation service has been successful within this local context. Further, larger scale research evaluation are required, which explore further the impact of volunteering for ICU survivors are required.

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Prevalence and risk factors of anxiety and depression in relatives of burn patients.

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Introduction: Intensive care unit is one of the most stressful places in a Hospital. Relatives are exposed to many factors that may cause symptoms of anxiety and depression.

The aim of this study was to determine the prevalence of anxiety and depression symptoms 72 hours and 90 days after ICU admission, and identify factors associated with this symptoms.

Methods: Relatives of Patients admitted to the National Burn Center in Montevideo between February and October 2015 were invited to participate in this study. 72 hours and ninety days after ICU admission, family members completed a survey that included the Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale.

Results: 95 and 45 relatives responded the survey at 72 hours and 90 days after ICU admission respectively.

The prevalence of Anxiety symptoms were 60% and 28% 72 hours and 90 days after ICU admission respectively.

Symptoms of depression were present in 47% of relatives at the third day and 18% at 90 days after ICU admission.

72 hours after ICU admission, a longer time lived with the patient was associated with anxiety 18 (3-26) years vs 2 (0-23) years (p = 0.02), and with depression 18 (7-26) years vs 40 (0-23) (p = 0.02). At this moment, a higher total burn area 27% (18-37) vs 19% (10-27) (p = 0.02) was associated with depression.

Factors associated with anxiety 90 days after ICU admission were: felt that treatment information was incomplete (80% vs 22%,p = 0.02), and not being able to return to work (80% vs 22%p = 0.02).

The only factor associated with depression symptoms 90 days after ICU admission was not being able to return to work (38% vs 11%, p = 0.04).

Conclusions: Prevalence of Anxiety and Depression among relatives was very important after 72 hours of ICU admission, and remained elevated 3 months later. This study shows factors associated with the appearance of anxiety and depression.

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Guidance of visiting children at an adult intensive care unit (ICU)
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Introduction: St Elisabeth Hospital has a 30 bed ICU for critically ill adult patients. We facilitate family centred care, but in earlier years children were not allowed to visit family members in our ICU. The objective of our project was to facilitate paediatric visitation and to provide support related to the distress and needs of children with a relative in our ICU.

Methods: Practical aids were developed for our caregivers. An information leaflet was made with practical information for parents. This was subdivided in developmental stages. Furthermore we created a book in which a child visits his father at our ICU. Pictures show what children can expect, which helps prepare the child for visiting. An instruction box is included with ICU materials (Fig. 108). These materials are used to give children a more tactile experience of the ICU. Guidance materials for when a patient may die were developed included. For example: there are little boxes that can be decorated by the children to put in a memory or a token of grief. Pedagogical staff are available to support parents, children and staff. If there are more profound problems there will be referral to our children’s psychologist. Our hospital photographers can be called upon to commemorate the last moments (Fig. 109). We instructed our nurses and doctors on how to use these materials and how to guide children. We held a survey among our staff to inquire if this met their needs.

Results: There’s an increasing awareness to the needs of children among our staff. Children and parents are welcomed and guided by our staff. Our survey amongst our staff showed a great appreciation for the materials we developed. When relatives of children die, children can be included in the farewell visit.

Conclusions: When a child is confronted with a sick or dying parent, loss and sorrow are inevitable. We, as care givers, can be more than by-standers and can help parents guide their children in difficult times.