

Impact of Morbidity and Mortality Conferences on Analysis of Mortality and Critical Events in Intensive Care Practice

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addition to their educational value, regular morbidity and mortality conferences formatted for intensive care units are useful for assessing quality of care and patient safety.

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