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Rural emergency, trauma, and critical care management: Preparing facilities to care for critically-ill patients**Lucus Christoffersen**
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Rural emergency departments have a unique role in the care of critically-ill patients. Nurses serve as the primary caregivers in these intense and time-sensitive situations. With the increase of hospital accessibility for rural populations, do the facilities have the capabilities to care for critically-ill patients? Do nurses and care providers have the necessary education and training to care for patients that require high-levels of care and extra resources? This lecture will discuss some of the vital tasks that nurses and health care providers should perform to make sure that they are prepared to receive and care for critically-ill patients at their facilities. Some of the topics include facility preparation, training and education, how to deal with small team dynamics, and collaboration with larger facilities. This lecture helps give managers and leaders at rural facilities helpful information that they can use to better plan and prepare their staff and facilities for critically-ill patients.

Biography

Lucus Christoffersen is an Assistant Professor at Idaho State University, teaching Adult Health Nursing to undergraduate nurses, with the clinical components. He has been active in teaching certification courses and working as the President for Utah Emergency Nurses Association.

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