

Evidence-based practice

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Projects/studies related to implementation of Acuity-Adaptive Mode.

A new model of in-patient cardiac care will be implemented in the new Geisinger Hospital for Advanced Medicine. The 60-bed cardiac care unit is designed using the *Acuity-Adaptive Model*, an approach to patient-centered care. The unit incorporates and integrates features of critical care and intermediate/medical-surgical telemetry. Patients will receive care in the same room or nursing unit from admission to discharge, regardless of acuity. The required level of care, equipment and nursing skill is brought to the patient rather than the customary practice of multiple transfers.

The implementation of a new model is lead by the Cardiac Nursing Leadership Team, comprised of the Cardiac ICU and Telemetry Unit operation managers, clinical coordinators and clinical educators. Research-based evidence is foundational to the design of the new cardiac care unit.