


TEAM WORKING IN EMERGENZA-URGENZA:  
DAL TERRITORIO ALLA MEDICINA D'URGENZA IN UN LAVORO DI EQUIPE  
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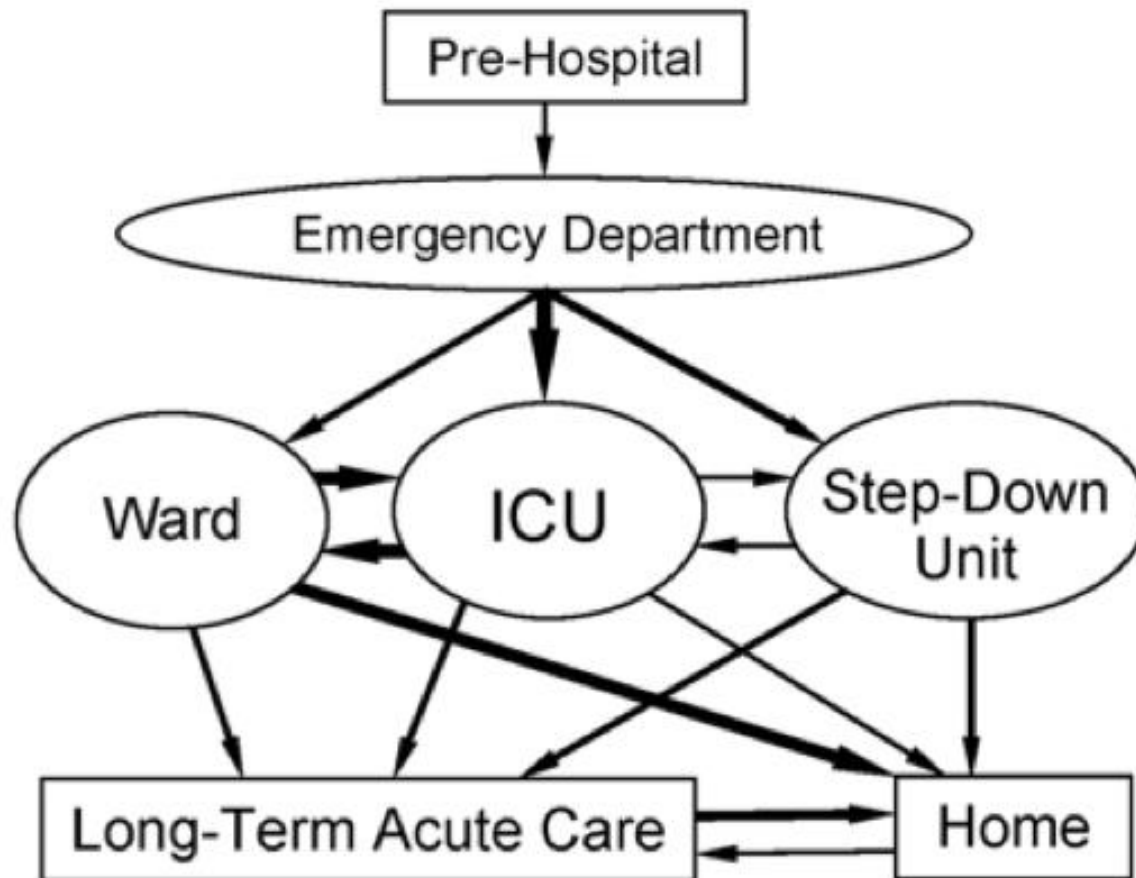
**Tavola rotonda: “Ventiliamo dunque siamo...”  
gestione del paziente in NIV in Medicina d'Urgenza:  
diversi modelli organizzativi a confronto**

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Table 1. Advantages and Disadvantages of Locations for NIV in Acute and Subacute Conditions

Location	Advantages	Disadvantages
Pre-hospital	Rapid application	Limited equipment and monitoring Lack of evidence
Emergency department	Rapid application Close monitoring in high-intensity room	Temporary location Staff may lack NIV skill and experience
Intensive care unit	1:1 nurse/patient ratio, usually with dedicated respiratory therapist Maximal monitoring capabilities	Resource-intensive and excessively costly for stable patients Beds in short supply
Step-down unit	1:2 to 1:4 nurse/patient ratio and central monitoring available Often have dedicated respiratory therapist Develop specialized NIV skills and suitable for most acute NIV applications	Many hospitals lack such units Excessive resource-use for stable patients NIV skills differ between units
General ward	Suitable for stable patients for more efficient use of resources Beds more often available than in ICU or step-down unit Some offer central monitoring, have NIV skills	Not suitable for patients who require close monitoring Many lack experience or skill with NIV
Long-term acute care	Good location for transitioning from tracheostomy to NIV More time to initiate stable long-term patients on NIV Rehabilitation and physical therapy services available	Not suitable for acutely ill patients Many lack experience and skill with NIV

NIV = noninvasive ventilation

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1225 enrolled cases<sup>2</sup>: 499 started on NIV, 776 started on INV  
**(Overall NIV utilization rate: 41%)**

Location of NIV Initiation

**Emergency Department**  
 NIV UR<sub>ED</sub>: 36%  
 (185 NIV/520 all ventilator starts)

**Intensive Care Unit**  
 NIV UR<sub>ICU</sub>: 38%  
 (209/553 ventilator starts)

**General Wards**  
 NIV UR<sub>wards</sub>: 73%  
 (91/125 ventilator starts)

Location of NIV Continuation

Kept in ED  
 (24 pts)  
 NIV SR: 88%

To Other<sup>3</sup>  
 (9 pts)  
 NIV SR: 89%

To ICU  
 (121 pts)  
 NIV SR: 70%

To Wards  
 (31 pts)  
 NIV SR: 90%

Kept on Wards  
 (54 pts)  
 NIV SR: 82%

To ICU  
 (37pts)  
 NIV SR: 49%

Kept in ICU  
 (201 pts)  
 NIV SR: 59%

To Wards  
 (7 pts)  
 NIV SR: 71%

To Other  
 (1 pt)  
 NIV SR: 100%

