Intermediate Care Unit
Critical Care Service at Penn Highlands Elk

About Your Stay
What is the Intermediate Care Unit (IMCU)?

The Intermediate Care Unit (IMCU) is a state of the art, multidisciplinary Critical Care service intended for patients whose medical conditions need close monitoring. These patients need a more intense level of care and enjoy a more individualized patient-to-nurse ratio. Sometimes the patient is dependent on medical technology, like a ventilator, medicated IV infusions or feeding tubes. Other reasons for admission to the IMCU might be a blood infection, a gastrointestinal bleed, an electrolyte imbalance, respiratory or heart failure.

Who will provide my care?

At Penn Highlands Elk nurses are certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and our hospital-based physicians are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Other professionals from varied disciplines add support whenever needed in the areas of respiratory therapy, nutrition, pharmacy, rehabilitation and care coordination.

Healing Environment

We are focused on making the Intermediate Care Unit a comfortable and healing environment. Families are encouraged to spend as much time as possible at the bedside of their loved one and, if possible, participate in their daily care. All our rooms are private and provide ample space so that family and caregivers can spend quality time with their loved one. Seating converts easily for resting or sleeping to provide comfortable accommodations when appropriate during expanded visiting hours.