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The need for critical care education for emergency nurses

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Over recent years' emergency departments become more crowded this poses an emerging threat to patient safety and could have a significant impact on the critically ill. Emergency departments see older, sicker and more critical patients than ever before. A lack of available critical care beds, and the need of proper discharge planning results in critically ill patients boarded in the emergency department. They often occupy the much-needed trauma rooms especially when critically ill or intubated. If a critically ill patient ends up intubated in the emergency department's trauma room the primary nurse better be no junior. But, due to the well-known nursing shortage and a lack of a formal progressive orientation packages, junior nurses often end up taking care of critically ill and intubated patients. This might result in a life-threatening situation. During my time served as a nursing manager of a trauma center in the Middle East I recognized the need for critical care education on a daily basis and therefore was determined to improve critical care nursing skills within my department. As the need for critical care education for emergency nurses / transport nurses in the Middle East is high I decided to found CritBox, a startup that is on the way to generate what is much needed, Critical Care education for nurses. Let me take you on a journey that seemed impossible.

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