

Surgical Intensive Care Unit at Fukuoka University Hospital from 2002–2003

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Abstract : We retrospectively analyzed the patients admitted to the surgical intensive care unit (SICU) at Fukuoka University Hospital during a period from October 2002 through December 2003. During this period, 814 (12.1%) of 6720 patients who were managed by general, epidural, or spinal anesthesia by anesthesiologists during surgery were admitted to the SICU. Twenty-five percent of the patients who were 70 years of age or older were admitted to the SICU. Frequent concomitant diseases were hypertension, diabetes mellitus, ischemic heart diseases, dysrhythmias, and anemia. Patients who were operated on for major cardiovascular and esophageal diseases tended to stay longer in the SICU.

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