



POETIC PROJECT EECC CONSENSUS STATEMENT

DAR ES SALAAM MARCH 2022



EECC

**Essential Emergency
and Critical Care**

POETIC

Provision Of Essential Treatment In Critical Illness



BACKGROUND

Globally, critical illness results in millions of deaths every year. Although many of these deaths are potentially preventable, the basic, life-saving care of critically ill patients is often overlooked in health systems. Essential Emergency and Critical Care (EECC) has been identified as the care that should be provided to all critically ill patients in all hospitals in the world. EECC includes the effective care of low cost and low complexity for the identification and treatment of critically ill patients across all medical specialties.

The content of EECC has been specified in a global consensus process. A global network of clinicians, researchers and policy makers has been initiated www.eeccnetwork.org. Implementing EECC could be an effective strategy for policy makers to reduce preventable deaths worldwide.

DAR ES SALAAM MEETING MARCH 2022

The POETIC Project, a global collaborative project funded by the Wellcome Trust, has conducted research, advocacy and implementation work since September 2020. As part of the project, a group of 25 global expert researchers and clinicians were brought together in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania for three days of meetings in March 2022. This consensus statement is the output of those meetings.



CONSENSUS

We, the participants of the POETIC Meeting in Dar es Salaam in March 2022 have reached consensus on the following points:

1. Essential Emergency and Critical Care (EECC) is the first-tier, baseline care that all critically ill patients should receive in all hospitals in the world
2. The care of critical illness (and the EECC space) as a cross-cutting issue in health facilities has to-date been under-prioritised in implementation, research, and policy
3. Our aim is to increase the effective coverage of EECC in hospitals globally
4. We will work in multiple ways towards this aim including i) research ii) advocacy iii) policy engagement iv) programmatic implementation and v) service delivery
5. Our core competency is in research (evidence generation) and we believe we are well-placed to advance the research agenda around the global care of critically ill patients and EECC
 - Important knowledge gaps include
 - The burden of critical illness; the unmet needs of care for critical illness and the determinants of these unmet needs
 - The potential impact, costs, and budget implications of EECC
 - The effects of real-world implementation of EECC processes (practices, costs, experience of patients and staff, and patient outcomes)
6. We believe in collaborative research and other work using multiple centres and engaging EECC network members
7. We will use the evidence generated in the POETIC project and other EECC research to frame policy statements especially solutions
8. We believe that the EECC network provides an important platform for our work and we will work to ensure the network is inclusive, functional and active, is targeted towards well-defined aims and is well connected to other networks and initiatives
9. We believe that the EECC network and our work should be done in partnership with the WHO, policy-makers, specialty-based and professional societies, and similar-minded organisations, initiatives and groups
10. We believe that EECC rests on the same overarching principles and is a crucial part of Primary Health Care and Universal Health Coverage.
11. EECC should complement other care. EECC should work with other programmes and not aim to re-invent the wheel or replace other initiatives
12. We will work towards national-level EECC hubs that can facilitate advocacy, implementation, and knowledge generation at national, sub-national and hospital-levels

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