

Dear Researcher,

Please find enclosed a copy of the *Critical Care Family Needs Inventory*. You have permission to use/modify and/or translate the tool to meet your research needs and credit is referenced in your work. The psychometric properties of the instrument are published in Leske, J.S. (1991). Internal psychometric properties of the Critical Care Family Needs Inventory, Heart & Lung, 20, 236-244. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Best wishes for a successful research project.

Sincerely,

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Critical Care

Family Needs Inventory

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Please check () how **IMPORTANT** each of the following needs is to you.

Not Important (1)	Slightly Important (2)	Important (3)	Very Important (4)
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| 1. To know the expected outcome | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. To have explanations of the environment before going into the critical care unit for the first time | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. To talk to the doctor every day | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. To have a specific person to call at the hospital when unable to visit | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. To have questions answered honestly | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. To have visiting hours changed for special conditions | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7. To talk about feelings about what has happened | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 8. To have good food available in the hospital | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 9. To have directions as to what to do at the bedside | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 10. To visit at any time | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 11. To know which staff members could give what type of information | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 12. To have friends nearby for support | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 13. To know why things were done for the patient | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 14. To feel there is hope | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 15. To know about the types of staff members taking care of the patient | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 16. To know how the patient is being treated medically | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Please check () how **IMPORTANT** each of the following needs is to you.

	Not Important (1)	Slightly Important (2)	Important (3)	Very Important (4)
17. To be assured that the best care possible is being given to the patient	_____	_____	_____	_____
18. To have a place to be alone while in the hospital	_____	_____	_____	_____
19. To know exactly what is being done for the patient	_____	_____	_____	_____
20. To have comfortable furniture in the waiting room	_____	_____	_____	_____
21. To feel accepted by the hospital staff	_____	_____	_____	_____
22. To have someone to help with financial problems	_____	_____	_____	_____
23. To have a telephone near the waiting room	_____	_____	_____	_____
24. To have a pastor visit	_____	_____	_____	_____
25. To talk about the possibility of the patient's death	_____	_____	_____	_____
26. To have another person with you when visiting the critical care unit	_____	_____	_____	_____
27. To have someone be concerned with your health	_____	_____	_____	_____
28. To be assured it is alright to leave the hospital for awhile	_____	_____	_____	_____
29. To talk to the same nurse every day	_____	_____	_____	_____
30. To feel it is alright to cry	_____	_____	_____	_____
31. To be told about other people that could help with problems	_____	_____	_____	_____
32. To have a bathroom near the waiting room	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please check () how **IMPORTANT** each of the following needs is to you.

	Not Important (1)	Slightly Important (2)	Important (3)	Very Important (4)
33. To be alone at any time	_____	_____	_____	_____
34. To be told about someone to help with family problems	_____	_____	_____	_____
35. To have explanations given that are understandable	_____	_____	_____	_____
36. To have visiting hours start on time	_____	_____	_____	_____
37. To be told about chaplain services	_____	_____	_____	_____
38. To help with the patient's physical care	_____	_____	_____	_____
39. To be told about transfer plans while they are being made	_____	_____	_____	_____
40. To be called at home about changes in the patient's condition	_____	_____	_____	_____
41. To receive information about the patient at least once a day.	_____	_____	_____	_____
42. To feel that the hospital personnel care about the patient	_____	_____	_____	_____
43. To know specific facts concerning the patient's progress	_____	_____	_____	_____
44. To see the patient frequently	_____	_____	_____	_____
45. To have the waiting room near the patient	_____	_____	_____	_____
46. Other:				