

# Research at the Weill Cornell Medicine Post-ICU Recovery Clinic



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A core mission of the Post-ICU recovery clinic is undertaking research to better understand post-intensive care syndrome (PICS). We accomplish this through a variety of research initiatives including:

- Clinical Research: Examining patient data to uncover real-world impacts.
- Basic Research: Investigating fundamental mechanisms behind PICS in the lab.
- Translational Research: Bridging lab findings with clinical applications.

With your help, our research will continue to strive towards preventing PICS in the ICU and the discovery of new therapies for treating PICS during recovery from critical illness. Discover more about our latest research initiatives by visiting our website.



### Post-ICU Recovery Clinic

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Our pratctice is committed to providing exceptional patient care by scheduling patients for Video Visits in addition to in-person visits.

Telemedicine allows you to video chat with your doctor from your own home, through the secure **MyChart** or **Weill Cornell Medicine App** 

## What Is Post-Intensive Care Syndrome? (PICS)

#### **Physical Limitations**

After critical illness, some people are unable to return to work or to care for themselves without help.

#### **Cognitive Impairment**

People who survive critical illness may notice new problems with memory and complex decision making.

#### **Mental Health**

After an ICU stay, people are at risk for posttraumatic stress symptoms, depression and anxiety as well as poor sleep.

#### **Underlying Medical Conditions**

Chronic medical problems may be diagnosed while in the hospital or may be exacerbated by critical illness.

#### Who Is Affected by PICS?

PICS can affect anyone who has survived the ICU, including those sick from COVID-19. If you were diagnosed with sepsis, septic shock, delirium or severe respiratory failure on mechanical ventilation (a ventilator), you may be at risk for PICS.



#### Care After the ICU

Our expert, critical-care trained practitioners will work with you to evaluate your physical, emotional and cognitive needs.





**Physicians** 

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Clinical Pharmacists

Research

Social Workers

We take a holistic approach to care after the ICU. In addition to a thorough medical exam, basic pulmonary and strength testing, we screen for anxiety, depression, sleep disorders and PTSD.

We ensure you are taking the right medicines, have all the equipment you need at home and are referred to appropriate specialists, including physical therapy, acupuncture and mental health services.



For more information about our Post ICU Recovery Clinic, check out our podcast on our website:

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#### What to Expect At Your Visit

Office visits may last up to 2 hours; video visits up to 1 hour

Meetings with one or two physicians, and potential meetings with a psychologist, social worker, pharmacist or dietitian

Testing including blood tests, pulmonary function tests, a walking test to assess distance walked in 6 minutes and need for oxygen

Referrals to physical therapy if needed and other physician specialists if you don't already have expert care for your specific needs

Communication with you and your family or loved ones. We will stay in touch with your primary doctor to help coordinate your care

#### **OUR MISSION**

Until recently, specialized care for individuals recovering from critical illness did not exist. Simply surviving the ICU was considered a success. The Weill Cornell Post-ICU Recovery Clinic was founded in 2016 as the first such center in New York City to address the specific needs of post-ICU patients. Our mission is to:

- provide the best possible care to you as you recover from your time in the ICU both through our clinic and our clinical partners
- help you and your loved ones understand what to expect during your recovery
- undertake research into the causes of ICUrelated disability in order to provide the next generation of therapies for those recovering from critical illness.