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Health Disparities in the Management and Outcomes of Critically Ill Children and Neonates: A Scoping Review

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To date, health disparities in critically ill children have largely been studied within, not across, specific intensive care unit (ICU) settings, thus impeding collaboration which may help advance the care of critically ill children. The aim of this scoping review is to summarize the literature intentionally designed to examine health disparities, across 3 primary ICU settings (neonatal ICU, pediatric ICU, and cardiac ICU) in the United States. We included over 50 studies which describe health disparities across race and/or ethnicity, area-level indices, insurance status, socioeconomic position, language, and distance.

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