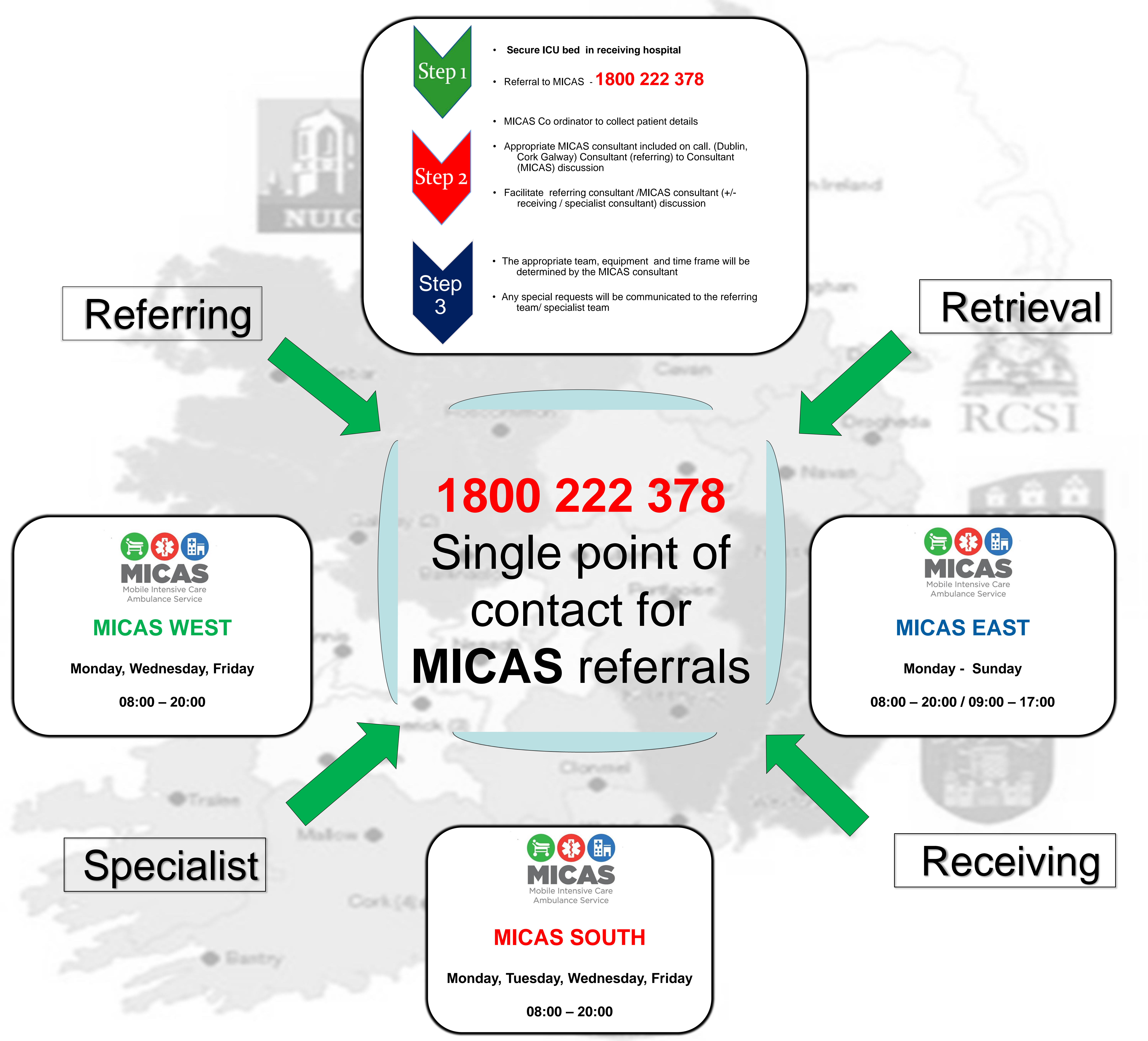


Introduction

The reorganisation of health services and the delivery of the ‘hub and spoke’ Model of Care for Adult and Paediatric Critical Care necessitates transfer of critically ill patients between hospitals to a facility that meets their clinical needs. In excess of 1200 adult critical care inter hospital transfers occur per annum. The Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance service (MICAS) is the Adult Critical care retrieval service. It provides the specialised equipment and expertise of appropriately trained and skilled team of critical care staff to retrieval and transport critically ill patients. It is provided by 3 hubs: MICAS East (Dublin); MICAS South (Cork) and MICAS West (Galway).

The single point of contact (**A**ccessing **C**ritical **C**are **E**mergency **P**atient **T**ransport - 1800-ACCEPT) **1800-222-378** will streamline the referral of a critically ill patient to and facilitate the timely retrieval of patients by a specialist transport team within a bespoke critical care ambulance.



The philosophy of care in MICAS is to provide the highest quality care to critically ill patients whilst transporting them to a facility that meets their medical needs by appropriately qualified and skilled team of critical care staff. It ensures every patient is transported in a way that maximises, not only their medical care, but the safety, dignity and comfort of the patient and their families.