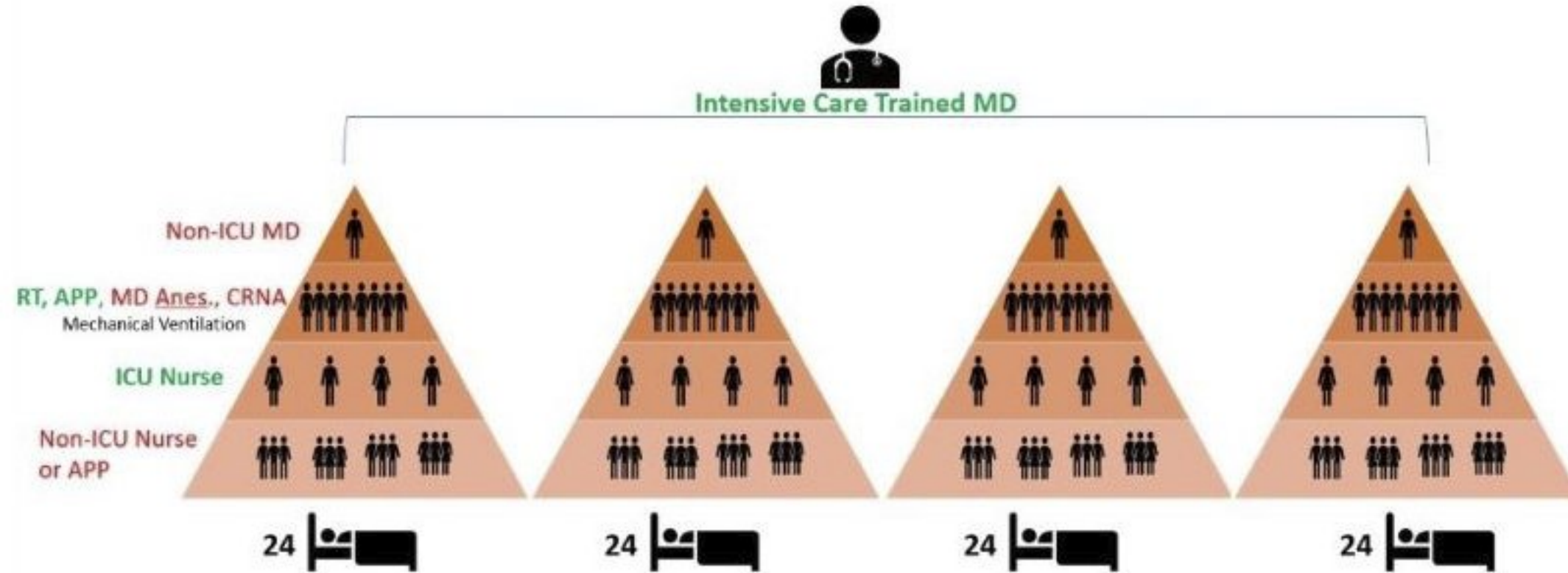


Figure 2. Tiered Staffing Strategy for Pandemic

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Requiring Significant Mechanical Ventilation



Using this model, non-ICU trained inexperienced physicians, certified registered nurse anesthetists, operating room nurses, general ward nurses, non-ICU advanced practice providers and others (noted in red) greatly augment the trained and experienced ICU staff (noted in green). While the ratios shown in the figure depict generally accepted models of critical care staff augmentation, each hospital will need to adjust both to the demands for critical care using the available supply of personnel. SCCM offers free online training resources to help these non-typical ICU staff as they prepare to care for critically ill patients during the crisis. While the level of care may not be the same as in the typical ICU in non-crisis times, having the care directed by trained and experienced members of the ICU team is an effective way to maximize care for large numbers of critically ill patients.