

QUICK GUIDE: RESPIRATORY THERAPY

Respiratory Therapy: Nebulized Medications:

- Run an order report for all residents with nebulized medication.
- Review use of PRN medications, may be appropriate to schedule
- Assess all residents upon admission and subsequent quarterly and comprehensive assessments for nebulizer treatments, and ensure appropriate documentation, assessment, and care planning to capture.

Order Requirements:

Ensure order includes nursing assessment pre and post treatment:

- Lung sounds
- Respirations
- Oxygen level and oxygen use if indicated
- Treatment Minutes (Includes pre and post assessment and neb treatment) (15 min / day)
- Order for tubing changes weekly or per manufacture recommendations

Care Plan:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnosis <input type="checkbox"/> Medication use <input type="checkbox"/> Mask / Pipe Tubing Changes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Risk Factors <input type="checkbox"/> Interventions <input type="checkbox"/> Nebulizer Cleaning and Manufacture Recommendations for Filter Changes |
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Special High Care High Nursing Category

- Requirement for nurse training on respiratory therapy and competency -ensure evidence of training and competency is retrievable personnel file.
- Requirement of respiratory therapy to be delivered at least 15 minutes a day during the entire review period.

Staff Education

- Ensure HUC or nurses who enter orders add required assessment information in to every order
- Educate nurses on manufacturer recommendations for storage and expiration of nebulizer vials
- Educate nurses on which nebulizers can be mixed or which order they should be given if unable to give concurrently