


<p>Name of Policy: <u>Patient Response to Therapy</u></p> <p>Policy Number: 3364-136-03-07</p> <p>Department: Respiratory Care</p> <p>Approving Officer: AVP Patient Care Services/Chief Nursing Officer</p> <p>Responsible Agent: Director, Respiratory Care</p> <p>Scope: The University of Toledo Medical Center Respiratory Care Department</p>	 <p>Effective Date: 4/8/2019 Initial Effective Date: 7/1/1979</p>
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(A) Policy Statement

All respiratory care procedures must be evaluated with regard to the patient's response to that therapy. All pertinent responses to therapy should be documented accordingly in the electronic medical record (EMR).

The ongoing assessment of the respiratory status of the patient is a collaborative effort that involves the physician, nurse, and respiratory practitioner. The goals/objectives, effects/progress of the respiratory status and the affect of the respiratory care procedures will be documented in the patient's medical record by the physician in the patient progress notes. The nurse and the respiratory practitioner will document in the appropriate sections of the patient's EMR.

Patients ordered for "PRN" treatments will be assessed by a respiratory care practitioner and inform the nurse and the patient if a treatment is needed to page respiratory care.

The respiratory care practitioner will document all patient refusal of ordered therapy in the EMR. All respiratory care documentation will be completed in its entirety and in a timely fashion in the EMR. Signing in under one's name and password is akin to a signature.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To ensure patient safety during the administration of all respiratory care procedures, by monitoring respiratory, cardiovascular, and neurologic responses to such procedures.

(C) Procedure

Monitoring will be in accordance with the following guidelines:

- I. Respiratory responses to therapy:
 - Changes in respiratory rate and/or rhythm
 - Patient color
 - Breath sounds before and after therapy
 - Cough effectiveness
 - Sputum production, quantity, consistency, color
 - Status of any chest tubes/pneumothorax and the effects the treatment had on their function
 - Results of any non-invasive respiratory monitoring in use during the therapy
 - Any measurements made in conjunction with the therapy; negative inspiratory force, vital capacity, tidal volume, peak flow rates as appropriate
 - Changes in patient's subjective findings (complaints of dyspnea)

- Degree of restlessness and irritability

II. Cardiovascular responses to therapy:

- Heart rate, pre and post therapy
- Changes in various blood pressures; arterial, central venous, pulmonary artery,
- Arrhythmias

III. Neurologic responses to therapy:

- Any changes in level of consciousness
- Any changes in level of responsiveness
- Seizures
- Intracranial pressures

IV. Adverse reactions to therapy:

The patient should be closely monitored for the occurrence of any of the following specific adverse reactions.

- Pain
- Nausea/vomiting
- Dizziness
- Bronchospasm
- Hemoptysis

V. All patients treated under “RT Assess and Treat Protocol” will be managed as outlined in Respiratory Care policy #3364-136-04-12.

All adverse drug reactions (ADR) that are serious, uncommon and unexpected shall be reported to Pharmacy. The ADR Hotline number is 8359.

If the patient's response to therapy is adverse, it may be necessary to modify or terminate therapy, monitor the patient for further change in symptoms, and contact the patient's nurse and/or physician, in accordance with Respiratory Care policy #3364-136-03-06, and document accordingly in the EMR.

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