

# COLLEGEWIDE COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD

## RESP 101, ASSESSMENT AND CARING FOR A RESPIRATORY PATIENT

COURSE TITLE: Assessment and Caring for a Respiratory Patient

COURSE NUMBER: RESP 101

PREREQUISITES: Program Chair Approval

SCHOOL: Health Sciences

PROGRAM: Respiratory Therapy

CREDIT HOURS: 6

CONTACT HOURS: Lecture: 4      Lab: 4

DATE OF LAST REVISION: Fall, 2018

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS REVISION: Spring, 2020

**CATALOG DESCRIPTION:** Presents an introduction into respiratory care including evaluating data in a patient's record and recommending laboratory tests. Includes the process of interviewing and assessing the patient through inspection, palpation, percussion, and auscultation. Covers performing and evaluating a patient non-invasively. Includes topics on oxygen therapy, oxygen analyzers, use of specialty gases, humidity therapy, bland aerosol, medicated aerosol delivery devices and environmental therapy. Basic lung expansion therapy, airway management, including a variety of airway clearance techniques will be covered. Students will be presented information regarding infection control, how to provide care during cardiopulmonary resuscitation and obstructed/lost airway. Assembly and troubleshooting respiratory equipment will be required.

**MAJOR COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES FROM 2020 NBRC MATRIX:** Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be expected to:

1. Evaluate Data in the patient record:
  - a. Patient history (admission data, orders, meds, DNR, social history)
  - b. Physical exam and trends relative to the cardiopulmonary system and trends (e.g. vitals, physical)
  - c. Lab data (CBC, electrolytes, C&S, Sputum)
  - d. Summarize major legal and medical consideration in medical records documentation
  - e. Trends in noninvasive monitoring (pulse oximetry, vital signs)
2. Perform clinical assessment by interviewing patient to evaluate:
  - a. Level of consciousness and orientation, emotional state, and ability to cooperate.
  - b. Level of pain
  - c. Presence of dyspnea, sputum production, and exercise tolerance
  - d. Patient and family medical history (e.g. smoking history, environmental exposure)
  - e. Activities of daily living
  - f. Learning needs (e.g. literacy, learning style, culture)
3. Perform clinical assessment by inspection of patient to evaluate:
  - a. General appearance
  - b. Determine airway patency (HTCL, jaw thrust)
  - c. Cough, sputum amount and characteristics

- d. Skin integrity (pressure ulcers, stoma site)
4. Perform clinical assessment by palpation of patient to evaluate:
  - a. Pulse, rhythm, force
  - b. Accessory muscle activity
  - c. Asymmetrical chest movements, tactile fremitus, crepitus, tenderness, secretions in the airway and tracheal deviation
5. Perform clinical assessment by diagnostic chest percussion of patient.
6. Perform clinical assessment by auscultation of patient to evaluate:
  - a. breath sounds
  - b. blood pressure
7. Obtain patient data by performing and evaluating procedures to gather and evaluate clinical information:
  - a. Noninvasive monitoring
  - b. Peak flow
  - c. Sputum induction
8. Obtain patient data by recommending diagnostic procedures:
  - a. Lab procedures (e.g. blood tests for electrolytes, CBC, Sputum gram stain, Sputum culture and Sensitivity)
  - b. Noninvasive monitoring, pulse oximetry
9. Assemble/Troubleshoot Equipment:
  - a. Noninvasive monitoring devices (e.g., pulse oximeter)
  - b. Oxygen devices
  - c. Gas delivery (e.g., concentrator, liquid, cylinder, flowmeter, regulators, blenders, air compressor)
  - d. Humidifiers
  - e. Nebulizers
  - f. Gas analyzers
  - g. Artificial airways
  - h. Suctioning equipment (e.g., regulator, canister, tubing, catheter)
  - i. Manual resuscitation devices
  - j. Lung expansion equipment for IS
  - k. Aerosolized medication devices (e.g., MDI, spacers, holding chambers, DPI, soft mist inhalers)
10. Ensure infection control by demonstrating knowledge of:
  - a. Using disinfection and high level sterilization techniques by selecting appropriate agents
    - i) Critical versus non-critical (e.g., EKG machine, ventilators, laryngoscope blade, endoscopy scope, temperature probe, etc...)
  - b. Ensure infection control by monitoring effectiveness (surveillance) of disinfection or sterilization procedures
  - c. Ensure infection control by proper handling of biohazard materials
  - d. Adhering to infection control policies and procedures (e.g., standard precautions, isolation)
11. Perform quality control procedures on flowmeters and gas analyzers.
12. Maintain a patient airway including the care of artificial airways:
  - a. Positions patient to maintain a patent airway
  - b. Establishes and manages a patient's airway (nasopharyngeal, oropharyngeal)

- i) Introduces ETT, tracheostomy tube, and speaking valves
- c. Performing tracheostomy care
- d. Maintaining adequate humidification
- e. Demonstrates proper use of BVM by monitoring and modifying resuscitation based on patient's response (e.g.,  $V_T$ , rate, flow)
- 13. Performing airway clearance and lung expansion techniques to include consideration of indications, hazards, and contraindications:
  - a. Incentive Spirometry
  - b. Assisted cough (e.g., huff, abdominal thrust)
  - c. Suctioning (e.g., nasotracheal, oropharyngeal)
- 14. Support oxygenation and ventilation in acute, long-term and home care settings:
  - a. Indications, hazards, and contraindications of oxygen and humidification therapy and bland aerosols
  - b. Initiate and modify oxygen therapy devices (e.g., high and low flow)
  - c. Performs oxygen calibration and analysis
- 15. Administer medications and specialty gases to include consideration of indications, hazards and contraindications:
  - a. Heliox
  - b. NO
  - c. Bronchodilators
  - d. Mucolytics
- 16. Ensure modifications are made to modalities (e.g., oxygen, humidification, medial gas, bland and medicated aerosol therapies, lung expansion, suctioning, artificial airways, and BVM) that are included in the respiratory care plan by:
  - a. Treatment termination for life threatening adverse events
  - b. Recommending initiation of treatment based on patient response
  - c. Discontinuing treatment based on patient response
- 17. Make recommendations for change based on patient assessment:
  - a. Patient positioning
  - b. Oxygen therapy
  - c. Humidification
  - d. Airway clearance
  - e. Hyperinflation
- 18. Conduct patient and family education
  - a. Safety and infection control
  - b. Home care and related equipment
  - c. Lifestyle changes (e.g., smoking cessation, exercise)
  - d. Disease management
- 19. Provide Respiratory Care Techniques in High risk situations for cardiopulmonary emergencies (e.g., rapid response team, transport inside hospital, and obstructed/lost airway)
- 20. Discusses and performs appropriate interprofessional communication

COURSE CONTENT: Topical areas of study include –

Laboratory data  
Patient Assessment

Oxygen Transport  
Oxygen Therapy

Regulating devices  
Compressed gas storage  
Oxygen Analyzers  
Specialty gas therapy  
Humidity therapy  
Bland nebulizer therapy  
Environmental therapy  
Airway management (naso, oro and  
tracheostomy care)  
Manual resuscitators

Airway clearance (suctioning, directed  
cough)  
Bland nebulizer therapy  
Lung expansion techniques (IS)  
Infection Control  
Cardiopulmonary emergencies  
Evaluations  
Patient Education  
Effective interprofessional communication  
Pharmacology overview (devices and  
medications)

#### Procedures:

1. Hand Washing
2. Patient Interview and History/Communication
3. Medical Records (Review of and Charting)
4. Physical Exam of the Chest (Inspection, Palpation, Percussion, Auscultation)
5. Vital Signs including Pulse Oximetry
6. Cylinders, Regulators and Flowmeters
7. Oxygen Therapy Devices (NC, SM, Partial and NRB Masks, VM and Membrane Cartridge)
8. Standard Precautions/Isolation Techniques
9. Humidification
10. Oxygen Analysis
11. Large Volume Nebulizers (Bland)
12. Medicated Aerosols (SVN, MDI, DPI and Slow Mist)
13. Peak Flow
14. Incentive Spirometry
15. Directed Cough Techniques
16. Airways (Oro and Nasopharyngeal Airways)
17. Manual Resuscitation
18. Tracheostomy Care
19. Suctioning

TOTAL PROCEDURES: 19

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