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CPAP/BiPAP Machines from Home

Mary Leyk, Educator for Bone & Joint
Peggy Lange, Director of Respiratory Care

Just a reminder that any nurse can do basic set up of a patient's home CPAP/BiPAP machine. Nurses are able to plug in, add sterile/distilled water to the humidifier chamber if present, and turn on the device for the patient. The patient is the expert on applying his/her own mask.

Other important points:

- The patient waiver must be signed for him/her to use the home equipment.
- If the equipment is dirty, malfunctioning, or missing pieces, the hospital owned equipment needs to be used.
- SCH RTs and nurses do not change settings on home CPAP/BiPAP machines.
- Our patients come to the floors after surgery at all hours, and when they are resting/sleeping, even if in the early afternoon, the patient should use this therapy.
- The Respiratory Care Department should be consulted in all cases, but the patient does not need to wait for the RT to arrive to be able to begin using the device. The one exception is if the patient has additional oxygen needs. Please call your RT to complete this oxygen set up, as there is a safety valve that needs to be added to the circuit.
- Look for communication from your therapist in the EPIC Care Team notes.
- If your patient has an urgent need, please indicate this when calling RT or leaving a message on the phone. You should have a response within 5 minutes. If no response, call again. If you are unable to contact your RT, you can call the Charge Therapist (59461) as well.
- If you are unsure of the patient's CPAP/BiPAP equipment, call your RT to come and meet you in the patient's room.



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Clinical Ladder Status

Attainment or Maintenance of :

Clinical Ladder Level III:

Jane Austing, RN, Surgery
Nicole Brengman, RN, Bone and Joint
Stacy Brzezinski, RN, Cardiac Care
Jenine Graham, RN, Medical 2
Mollie Greener, RN, Bone and Joint
Elizabeth Hauser, RN, Patient Care Support
Jamie Kral, RN, Medical 2
Jennifer Langner, Endoscopy/OPS
Nicole Robinson, RN, Surgery
Amy Salzer, RN, PACU
Jill Swanson, RN, Medical 2

Upcoming Education & Professional Development

April 2014:

8	Perioperative Care Conference: Renew, Refresh, Revive; 7:30am-4:30pm, Windfeldt (Plaza)
10	Mental Health Conference; 8:00am-4:00pm; Windfeldt (Plaza)
22	15 th Annual Neuroscience Spine Conference; 7:30am-4:30pm; Windfeldt (Plaza)
22	American Heart Association PEARS (Pediatric Emergency, Assessment, Recognition, & Stabilization); 8:30am-3:30pm; Women & Children's Center Classroom
23	ACLS Refresher Course; 9:00am-5:30pm; Windfeldt (Plaza)
28	Drug Diversion Seminar; 12:00pm-4:00pm; Hoppe
29	Communication Tools for Diverse Populations; 7:30am-4:15pm; Windfeldt (Plaza)
30/May 1	AWHONN; 7:45am-4:30pm; Windfeldt (Plaza)

Trial of New Electronic Request System for On-Call/HTO

Terri Krause, Coordinator, Staffing/Scheduling

The Staffing Office is pleased to announce plans for trialing our new electronic e-mail request system for On-Call/HTO. The Medicine Care Center Units have agreed to be trial units. The units consist of Med1, Med/Onc, Med2 and MPCU.

For this trial period we will trial new "requested by" times that are different from our current policy guidelines. Trial timeframes are shown below (new "requested by" times noted in **RED**):


<u>Requested by:</u>	<u>Start of Shift:</u>
7:00pm (night before)	7:00am
11:00am	3:00pm
3:00pm	7:00pm
7:00pm	11:00pm

Staff will select the **Staffing Office-Request for On-Call/HTO** address from the Outlook email address.

An auto reply message will be sent to the employee indicating the request has been received.

Requests cannot be more than 24 hours in advance of the shift requesting. Late requests should not be sent via email; they will need to be called to the Staffing Office. See the sample format request below showing the needed information when requesting On-Call/HTO.

Sample Format Request

 Send	To...	Staffing Office-Request for On-Call/HTO
	Cc...	
	Subject:	Request for On-Call/HTO

Sample Format Request of Information needed – Please use this line by line format when sending your information

Date of Request:	April 19
Start and end of shift:	2300-0730
Unit scheduled on:	Med 1
Full name and skill:	Jane Smith, RN
Phone # contact:	320-555-5555

The trial will begin on Tuesday, April 15th and run through Tuesday, May 13th. We will evaluate the system at the end of the 4 week trial period by asking for staff input via Survey Monkey before making plans to implement the system to the rest of the patient care units.

Staffing is very excited to begin utilizing the system and we look forward to your feedback.

2014 Nurse Week Poster Contest

National Nurses Week Theme: Shared Governance

Poster Categories:

- Evidence Based Practice
- Research
- Performance Improvement
- Education/Innovation



Posters must be submitted by Friday, May 2nd
They will be displayed in the Atrium of Riverside Conference Center
May 5-9

Poster Guidelines:

- Include title, poster preparer's name, title and unit
- Demonstrate contribution to Shared Governance
- All posters must include citations professionally referenced using APA.
- All posters will be displayed using an upright/on wheels bulletin board; tables **will not** be available for free standing posters.

Category Specific Guidelines:

- EBP poster includes level of evidence to drive practice and preferably process and outcome measures
- Research posters must include: problem, review of literature, purpose of study, data collection, data analysis, conclusions, implications
- Performance Improvement poster must reflect PI model of Plan, Do, Check, Act
- Education/Innovation is an open category. May include a practice change, education, Gallup work, recruitment/retention, etc.

Poster Judging:

Posters will be judged by members of the Nursing Research Committee on Monday, May 5. Prizes will be given in the above categories.

Judging Criteria:

- Follow the above guidelines
- Able to be read clearly from 3 feet away
- Visual grammar guides readers to the important parts of the poster
- Balance of text and graphics to create visual appeal

Please plan to pick up posters from Riverside Conference Center on Friday, May 10

Celebrate National Nurses Week

“Navigating a Trip to the South”- Shared Governance



May 5-9, 2014

Monday, May 5th

- Certification Celebration
 - 9:00am-10:30am, Hoppe Auditorium
- **SPEAKER: Kathleen Mahon RN, CNP**
 - “Mindfulness: From Surviving to Thriving”
10:45am–11:30am, Hoppe Auditorium
- Posters Displayed in Lobby C
- Trivia Health Care Pursuit via E-mail
 - 2 Winners Per Day
- Prayer for Nurses (on Nursing Units)

Tuesday, May 6th

- **SPEAKER: Kathleen Mahon RN, CNP**
 - “Mindfulness: From Surviving to Thriving”
10:45am–11:30am, Hoppe Auditorium
- Trivial Health Care Pursuit Game via E-mail
 - 2 Winners Per Day

Wednesday, May 7th

- Trivial Health Care Pursuit Game via E-mail
 - 2 Winners Per Day

Thursday, May 8th

- **NURSES WEEK BREAKFAST**
 - 7:30am-10:30am, Spruce Room
- Free 5 minute Massages
 - 8:00am-10:30am, Oak Room
- Presentation of Nursing Research, Evidence Base Practice, Daisy and Poster Award Winners
 - 9:30am, Spruce Room
- **SPEAKER: Kathleen Mahon RN, CNP**
 - “Mindfulness: From Surviving to Thriving”
10:45am–11:30am, Hoppe Auditorium

Friday, May 9th

- Trivial Health Care Pursuit Game via E-mail
 - 2 Winners Per Day
- Prayer for Nurses (on Nursing Units)

