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## 1- Purpose:

To provide adequate oxygenation and ventilation for critically ill patients.

## 2. Policy:

- 2.1 Mechanical ventilator should be ordered by the ICU physician.
- 2.2 The initial or any change on mechanical ventilator settings are applied by respiratory therapist should be discussed, approved and documented by the ICU physician.
- 2.3 Changes done by the ICU physician should be communicated to the respiratory therapist.
- 2.4 ICU nurse can only adjust FiO2 according to physician order, and respiratory therapist should be informed.
- 2.5 Ventilator check should be done every 4 hours and when needed.
- 2.6 Ventilator alarms must be on at all times, never be ignored or silenced without first checking the problem. Should be documented at least one time per shift.
- 2.7 Mechanical ventilator should not be prepared for stand by purpose.
- 2.8 Any mechanically ventilated patient should be attended with respiratory therapist during transfer in or out facility.
- 2.9 Closed suction system should be applied to all mechanically ventilated patient.
- 2.10 Aerosal medication should be applied as metered dose inhaler or with aerogen nebulizer through humidified circuit.
- 2.11 Weaning protocol should be initiated by ICU physician.
- 2.12 Weaning protocol should be used for all adult patients need to be extubated from mechanical ventilation

#### 3-Scope:

This policy is applicable for Respiratory Therapy Unit, ICUs Physician, and ICUs Nurse.

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# 4- Responsibilities:

It's the responsibility of the ICUs Physicians, Respiratory Therapists and ICU Nurses to implement the invasive mechanical ventilation policy.

# 5- Definitions:

**Mechanical ventilator:** is the machine used to support or replace the function of the lungs, by forcing the air into the lungs attached to endotracheal tube or tracheostomy.

## 6- Procedure:

- 6.1 Indications:
- a. Respiratory Failure
- b. Cardiopulmonary arrest
- c. Trauma (especially head, neck, and chest)
- d. Cardiovascular impairment (strokes, tumors, infection, emboli, trauma)
- e. Neurological impairment (drugs, poisons, myasthenia gravis)
- f. Pulmonary impairment (infections, tumors, pneumothorax, COPD, trauma, pneumonia, poisons).

# **6.2 Complications:**

a. Ventilator-associated lung injury (volutrauma, barotrauma, biotrauma, atelectrauma,

ergotrauma, Oxygen Toxicity).

- b. Cardiovascular and Renal Complications (reduced venous return, cardiac output and hypotension, decrease urine output).
- c. Gastrointestinal and Nutritional Complications (Gastritis and ulcer formation, malnutrition).
- d. Ventilator associated pneumonia.
- e. Central nervous system complications, elevated intracranial pressure (ICP).

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- f. Immune system complication induce inflammation.
- g. Auto PEEP.
- h. Ventilation/perfusion mismatch.
- i. Systemic muscular weakness.

#### 6.3 Procedure:

# 6.3.1 Ventilator starting:

- a. Provide and set up the mechanical ventilator, accessories and tubing specific to patient's needs.
- b. Perform the preoperational check, tests and calibrations
- c. Set up in-line suction for ventilated patients that it's fitting to ETT/Tracheostomy size.
- d. Set the ventilation parameters based on the patient's medical condition.
- e. Initiate ventilation, set the alarms (it is vital that the alarms be set appropriately), adjust the loudness control to maximum and provide adjunctive ventilator equipment.
- f. Observe patient for adequate oxygenation and ventilation by monitoring and auscultation.
- g. Do chest radiograph to insure proper placement of ETT and reflects lung abnormality.
- h. Draw arterial / venous blood gas after 30 minutes.
- i. Adjust settings according to patient condition, ABGs and chest X-ray results in conjunction with the physician orders.
- j. Perform airway cuff pressure every 4 hours to maintain the pressure between 20-30 cmH2O or continuously via Intellicuff.
- k. Change HME filter, bacterial filter and closed suction system every 72 hours and ventilator circuit when needed.

# 6.3.2 Ventilator weaning:

Follow weaning protocol for adult patients.

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## 7- Forms and Document:

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