

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
CARDIOPULMONARY
OXYGEN ADMINISTRATION VIA NON-REBREATHING MASK**

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SCOPE

All members of the Cardiopulmonary Department

PURPOSE

To supply higher flow supplemental oxygen to treat patients with hypoxemia, increased work of breathing and respiratory distress.

Equipment:

- Oxygen Flow Meter
- Nipple Adapter (Christmas Tree)
- Non-rebreathing mask

PROCEDURE

- Verify order by checking the patient's chart.
- Introduce yourself to the patient.
- Verify patient's identity by checking his/her ID bracelet.
- Explain to the patient what you are going to do.
- Plug oxygen flow meter into the oxygen wall outlet.
- Connect the nipple adapter to the flow meter.
- Adjust flow meter so that it will deliver the desired flow, and connect non-rebreathing mask to it. Bag must be inflated on mask.
- Connect mask to the patient, making sure it fits securely over the patients nose. Adjust accordingly.
- Follow up with pulse oximeter to maintain desired oxygen saturation.

Care of Equipment:

- Flow meter must be vertical when plugged into the oxygen wall outlet to guarantee accurate flow.
- Exercise caution when handling equipment to avoid dropping.

Important Points:

- Oxygen is a drug and, as such, a physician order is required.
- The non-rebreathing mask requires a physician order and should specify a desired oxygen saturation to be maintained.
- The patient must be properly identified prior to administration of oxygen.

Safety Precautions:

- Allow no hazardous materials or devices near the patient while oxygen is in use (petroleum products - Vaseline, electric razors, etc.).
- Watch for patient sensitivity to oxygen administration (e.g., COPD).
- Only properly licensed personnel are allowed to set-up and/or monitor this device.

Approved by: See signed Authority & Approval form
month / year Committee Name

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Documentation:

- Obtain a Cardiopulmonary Services requisition with the appropriate patient information from the computer.
- Stamp the Cardiopulmonary Services Progress Notes, record the appropriate data and insert the notes into the patient's chart in the proper location.