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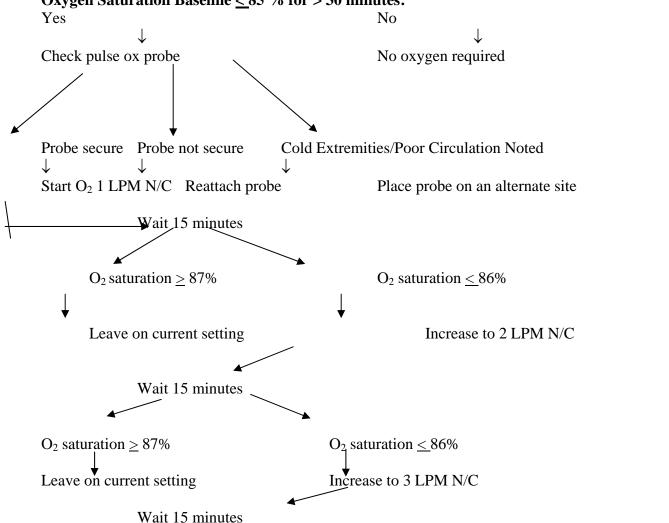
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PURPOSE: Explicit criteria for the application of nasal oxygen and procedures for titration of oxygen during sleep recordings under physician orders, assures appropriate and safe intervention.

POLICY: Nasal oxygen maybe administered during the night by nasal cannula if the patient exhibits certain conditions.

PROCEDURE: Supplemental oxygen is only to be added if there are **no** apneas or hypopneas present. Oxygen Saturation Baseline ≤ 85 % for > 30 minutes:



If oxygen saturation remains < 88% follow this process till 3 LPM N/C is reached. If O_2 saturation remains < 88% after 15 minutes on 3 LPM, contact the patient's sleep physician or referring physician for further instructions.

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- 1. Oxygen outlet quick connect units are located in the walls of each sleep testing room. Each room has been equipped with flow meters. As oxygen is a controlled drug, only licensed practitioners may administer oxygen to a client, or non-licensed personnel must be under the direct supervision of a licensed practitioner. Cannulas, extension tubing, and connectors are stored in the clean utility room.
- 2. The oxygen cannula or extension tubing is directly attached to the Christmas tree adapter on the oxygen flow meter. If the patient is using a CPAP mask, the tubing is attached to one of the available ports located directly on the mask.
- 3. Oxygen flow meters are pressure compensated. To appropriately set the flow one must dial the adjustment knob counter-clockwise until the line corresponding to the desired flow rate splits the indicator ball in half. Clockwise rotation of the adjustment knob will decrease flow.
- 4. The use and amount of supplemental oxygen is indicated by the technologist/technician on the "Study Log" as well as in the Bilevel entries section.