

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
CARDIO PULMONARY POLICY MANUAL
RECORDING AND REPORTING CRITICAL VALUES DURING
PULMONARY REHABILITATION**

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Purpose: To identify, record and report any critical/abnormal results during pulmonary rehabilitation.

Procedures:

1. Critical abnormal values resulting from outpatient pulmonary rehabilitation will be reported. The findings may be reported to the ordering physician, the patient's pulmonologist and/ or the physician covering the area.
2. The critical value will be reported within one hour of the finding/ occurrence.
3. The communication will be recorded in the critical value log.
4. The following will be recorded:
 - a. Date/ Time
 - b. Patient Name
 - c. Medical Record Number
 - d. Value/ incident Reported
 - e. Physician notified
 - f. Action taken

Critical values:

- a. Increase/ decrease in Blood Pressure of 20% compared to baseline.
- b. Sudden onset of shortness of breath
- c. Sudden onset of chest pain
- d. Increase/ decrease of heart rate of 20% compared to baseline
- e. Altered mental status
- f. Significant change in baseline oxygen saturation not related to activity.
- g. Sudden onset of severe pain