

# SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES

## PULMONARY SERVICES

### MEDICAL SERVICES LAST UPDATED 22 JULY 2010

#### RESPIRATORY THERAPY STUDENTS (RT-S)

1. Rotating RT-s will be expected to take a history, do a physical exam as needed and then present their findings to a supervising Staff Respiratory Therapist.
2. Junior RT-S may be responsible for:
  - a. Hand washing
  - b. Isolation
  - c. Vital Signs
  - d. Breath sounds
  - e. Oxygen supply systems
  - f. Oxygen administration
  - g. Patient positioning
  - h. Patient assessment
  - i. Small volume nebulizer
  - j. Humidity and Aerosol
3. Senior Respiratory Therapy-S may be responsible for
  - a. Bedside spirometry
  - b. Basic spirometry
  - c. Chest percussion and Postural drainage
  - d. Incentive spirometry
  - e. IPPB
  - f. Arterial puncture
  - g. Manual resuscitation – adult
  - h. Nasotracheal suction
  - i. Endotracheal suction
  - j. Tracheostomy and Stoma Care

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4. Junior RT-S cannot independently perform procedures nor provide treatments to patients. The Staff Respiratory Therapist must be present with Junior RT-S while any treatments are provided.
5. Junior and Senior RT-S will comply fully with HIPPA guidelines in the handling of all medical information.

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