



**COHESIVE HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING**  
**MANGUM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

TITLE		POLICY	
<b>Scope of Service</b>		<b>RES-001</b>	
MANUAL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVIEW DATE	
<b>Respiratory</b>	<b>3/2020</b>	<b>07/2020</b>	
DEPARTMENT	REFERENCE		
<b>Respiratory</b>	See below		

### SCOPE

This policy applies to all Respiratory Care Practitioners and Licensed Nursing Personnel of Mangum Regional Medical Center.

### PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for Respiratory Care Practitioners and Licensed Nursing Personnel to ensure safe and effective care is provided to patients.

### DEFINITIONS

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### POLICY

In accordance with the recommendations set forth by the American Association for Respiratory Care (ARRC), the following scope of practice shall be followed by all respiratory care practitioners.

1. Respiratory Care Practitioners are health care professionals whose responsibilities include the assessment, evaluation, management, education, rehabilitation and care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities of the cardiopulmonary system. The scope of practice includes the application of technology and the use of treatment protocols across all care sites including, but not limited to, the hospital.
2. The practice of respiratory care encompasses activities in assessment, evaluation, therapy, and education of the patient and family. These activities are supported by education, evidence-based practices, and standards of care as recommended by the AARC. Diagnostic activities include but are not limited to:
  - a. Obtaining and analyzing physiological specimens;
  - b. Interpreting physiological data

3. Therapy includes but is not limited to the application and monitoring of:
  - a. Mechanical ventilator support;
  - b. Artificial airway care;
  - c. Bronchopulmonary hygiene;
  - d. Pharmacological agents related to respiratory care procedures;
  - e. Electrocardiogram (EKG)
  - f. Arterial Blood Gas (ABG)
  
4. Licensed and trained nursing personnel may provide and administer respiratory services to patients who require such services as ordered for their care and treatment. In addition, responsibilities may include assessment and evaluation, and monitoring of response to therapy.
  
5. Respiratory Care Practitioners and Licensed Nursing Personnel are qualified to provide and administer respiratory services through professional education and training, licensure, and competency in the performance of respiratory services and within their scope of practice. Respiratory competencies will be completed on hire and annually. Supervision will be required until the employee is able to demonstrate satisfactory competence and performance of the procedure.
  
6. Nothing in the Respiratory Care Practice Act shall limit, preclude, or otherwise interfere with the lawful practices of persons working under the supervision of the responsible physician. In addition, nothing in the Respiratory Care Practice Act shall interfere with the practices of health care personnel who are formally trained and licensed by appropriate agencies of this state.

**REFERENCES**

American Association for Respiratory Care  
 Respiratory Care Practice Act

**ATTACHMENTS**

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**REVISIONS/UPDATES**

Date	Brief Description of Revision/Change

