



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

TITLE		POLICY	
<b>Mechanical Ventilation</b>		<b>RES-006</b>	
MANUAL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVIEW DATE	
<b>Respiratory</b>	<b>03/2020</b>		
DEPARTMENT	REFERENCE		
<b>Respiratory</b>			

### **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all Respiratory Care Practitioners of Mangum Regional Medical Center.

### **PURPOSE**

To provide ventilatory support for the patient who is temporarily unable to maintain cardiopulmonary homeostasis.

### **DEFINITIONS**

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### **POLICY**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for patients being mechanically ventilated.

### **PROCEDURE**

1. Refer to Lippincott Clinical Resource Guide.
2. The Respiratory Therapist in consultation with the medical provider and the interdisciplinary care team will discuss planning for ventilator weaning of the patient.
3. Infection Control Measures:
  - The complete ventilator circuit will be changed as needed;
  - Replace the manual resuscitation device as necessary;
  - Follow strict sterile technique while suctioning;
  - Follow proper PPE and hand washing.
4. Safety:
  - Alarms on ventilator will be activated at all times.
  - Exercise caution when handling liquids near electrical devices to avoid electrical shock or damage to machine.

- Only properly licensed and competency trained personnel are allowed to set-up, monitor or make any adjustments to a mechanical ventilator.

5. The Respiratory Care Practitioner must perform a ventilator check at a minimum of every 4 hours and document in the patient's medical record.

**REFERENCES**

Lippincott Clinical Resource Guide

**ATTACHMENTS**

RES-006A Ventilator Weaning Protocol

**REVISIONS/UPDATES**

Date	Brief Description of Revision/Change