



Healthcare-Associated Infections Program Adherence Monitoring Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (VAP) Prevention

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Regular monitoring with feedback of results to staff can maintain or improve adherence to ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) precautions practices. Use this tool to identify gaps and opportunities for improvement. Monitoring may be performed in any type of patient care location where patients are mechanically ventilated.

Instructions: Observe 3-4 patients/residents on a ventilator. Identify observed staff as nursing (NSG) or respiratory therapy (RT). Observe each practice and check a box if adherent, Yes or No. In the column on the right, record the total number of “Yes” for adherent practices observed and the total number of observations (“Yes” + “No”). Calculate adherence percentage in the last row.

Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia Prevention Practices		Resident 1		Resident 2		Resident 3		Resident 4		Adherence by Task	
		☐ NSG	☐ RT	☐ NSG	☐ RT	☐ NSG	☐ RT	☐ NSG	☐ RT	#Yes	# Obs
VP1.	Head of bed is positioned at 30-45 degrees.	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No		
VP2.	If tracheostomy or endotracheal tube is in use, ties are clean and secure.	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No		
VP3.	Oral suction equipment is stored in a clean area (not on floor or bed).	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No		
VP4.	Oral care with an antiseptic agent is performed per policy.	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No		
VP5.	Hand hygiene is performed and gloves are donned before providing care.	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No		
VP6.	After care, gloves are removed and hand hygiene is performed before the next task.	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No		
VP7.	Sterile water is used to rinse reusable respiratory equipment.	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No		
VP8.	Condensate in the ventilatory circuit is removed AND tubing is below the mouth to keep condensate from draining into the patient/resident.	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No		
VP9.	Intubation kits are appropriately stored in a clean area.	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No		
VP10.	Clean and dirty respiratory equipment are stored in separate areas.	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No		
# of Correct Practices Observed (“# Yes”): _____		Total # Ventilator Observations (“# Observed”): _____ (Up to 40 total) <i>If practice could not be observed (i.e., cell is blank), do not count in total # Observed.</i>						Adherence _____% (Total “# Yes” ÷ Total “# Observed” x 100)			