

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

QUALIFICATIONS PROFILE

Patient-focused, goal-oriented, and hands-on respiratory therapist, equipped with extensive experience and expertise in respiratory therapy, medical standards, patient care, and diverse healthcare services. Well-versed in all aspects of critical care as well as the treatment and prevention of each condition. Proactive in educating healthcare professionals, patients, and their families on preventive wellness, disease process, and best practices. Adept at providing comprehensive medical treatment and interacting with patients to explain procedures, alleviate fears, and elicit patient cooperation. Armed with strong interpersonal and communication skills; skilled at collaborating with physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals in delivering optimum patient treatment.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Respiratory Therapist

RESUMEDS ▪ LOS ANGELES, CA	Oct 2013–Present
RESUMEDS ▪ LOS ANGELES, CA	Jul 2011–Apr 2013
RESUMEDS ▪ LOS ANGELES, CA	Jun 2010–Jul 2011
RESUMEDS ▪ LOS ANGELES, CA	Jul 2006–Jun 2010
RESUMEDS ▪ LOS ANGELES, CA	Jul 2004–Jul 2006

Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures

- Administered patients on continuous ventilation for every two to three hours as case permits.
- Leveraged industry expertise in providing pre-operative respiratory prophylaxis and post-operative ventilator support to combat atelectasis.
- Demonstrated adeptness in executing general floor therapy which included hand-held nebulizer (HHN), chest physiotherapy (CPT), pulse oximetry checks, incentive spirometry, bedside pulmonary function tests (PFT), and evaluation of patient records.
- Provided respiratory therapy care and life support to patients with cardiopulmonary system deficiencies and abnormalities.
- Responded to emergency care, encompassing artificial respiration, external cardiac massage, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- Displayed competency in performing bedside bronchoscopy; while extensively working in different units such as Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU), Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SICU) and the Emergency Room (ER).

Healthcare Assessment and Support System

- Exemplified in-depth knowledge in evaluating and interpreting arterial blood gases (ABG's) to identify and implement proper treatment.
- Expertly administered different respiratory therapies to patients such as apnea monitoring, oxygen therapy, continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), and bi-level positive air pressure (BiPAP) therapy.
- Carried out key tasks in interpreting prescription, drawing arterial blood gases, and reviewing patient information to evaluate their conditions and identify requirements for treatment including type and duration of therapy as well as medication and dosages.
- Ensured the alignment of documentation with patient assessment after each respiratory procedure.
- Regularly updated patients' charts with pertinent identification and therapy information.
- Dealt with the preparation and submission of blood analysis results to a physician; proactively conducted pulmonary functions including equipment regulation to acquire optimum results in therapy.
- Maintained adherence to care and practice safety rules and standards used in the medical treatment facility.

Clinical Administration and Operations

- Took charge of transporting patients on ventilators with an adequate amount of oxygen to Operating Room (OR), Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Intensive Care Unit (ICU), and Computed Tomography (CT).
- Facilitated the demonstration of respiratory care procedures to trainees and other health care personnel.
- Presided over the training for students, respiratory therapy technicians, and assistants.

Treatment Plan Development and Consultation

- Efficiently managed gases and aerosol drugs to patients by ensuring specified parameters of treatment for volume, gas concentration, humidity, and temperature.
- Played a key role in identifying requirements of treatment involving type, method, and duration of therapy, precautions to be taken, and medication and dosages in accordance with the physicians' orders.
- Employed skills in assessing patient's physiological responses to a given therapy including vital signs, arterial blood gases, and blood chemistry changes; while consulting with the physician if adverse reactions occur.
- Delivered education to patients and family members on treatment processes, which include medication usage and anticipated outcomes such as breathing exercises, usage of medications, and respiratory equipment.

Health Promotion and Maintenance

- Leverage technical acumen in performing ventilators operation along with endotracheal tube (ETT) placement, cuff maintenance, extubation, and weaning protocols.
- Rendered high quality care by initiating tracheostomy care and cuff maintenance, in-line nasotracheal, and oral suctioning with oral care.
- Expertly set up and utilized equipment such as cool mist humidifier and mechanical ventilator, therapeutic gas apparatus, aerosol generators, and environmental control systems to support respiration and maintenance of patient's oxygen supply

EDUCATION

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN RESPIRATORY THERAPY, 2004
ATI TRAINING CENTER, DALLAS TX

CREDENTIALS

Registered Respiratory Therapist: Florida (*Valid Until: May 2015*)
Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification (*Valid Until: Sep 2015*)
Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Certification (*Valid Until: Aug 2015*)
Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Certification (*Valid Until: Jul 2015*)
National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) (*Valid Until: July 2015*)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC)
National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC)