



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

Assessment completed by:

Date:

Unit:

Regular monitoring with feedback of results to staff can maintain or improve adherence to (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. 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 Observations Identify observed staff as nursing (NSG) or respiratory therapy (RT) →	Resident 1		Resident 2		Resident 3		Resident 4		Adherence by Task	
	<input type="checkbox"/> NSG	<input type="checkbox"/> RT	<input type="checkbox"/> NSG	<input type="checkbox"/> RT	<input type="checkbox"/> NSG	<input type="checkbox"/> RT	<input type="checkbox"/> NSG	<input type="checkbox"/> RT	#Yes	# Obs
1) Head of bed 30-45 degrees	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No		
2) If tracheostomy or ETT: are ties clean and secure?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No		
3) Oral suction equipment stored in a clean area (not on floor or bed)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No		
4) Oral care with an antiseptic agent (per policy) chart review	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No		
5) Hand hygiene & gloves donned before providing care	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No		
6) After care, gloves removed/hand hygiene done before next task	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No		
7) Sterile water used to rinse reusable respiratory equipment	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No		
8) Condensate in ventilatory circuit is removed AND tubing is below mouth to keep condensate from draining into patient	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No		
9) Intubation kits appropriately stored in a clean area	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No		
10) Clean and dirty Resp. equipment 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)				