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Purpose	To standardize the assessment of a patient's oxygenation status to ensure that a therapeutic level of oxygen is being delivered. To identify those patients with a history or chronic hypercarbia who may be at risk for oxygen-induced hypoventilation. To establish guidelines for the therapeutic delivery of O ₂ in accordance with existing professional standards.														
Scope	This document outlines the procedure for performing O ₂ assessments and an algorithm for applying Oxygen Therapy.														
Audience	This document is intended for use by Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners.														
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Infection Control	Follow procedures outlined in Healthcare Epidemiology Policies and Procedures #2.24; Respiratory Care Services. http://www.utmb.edu/policy/hcepidem/search/02-24.pdf														

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