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| Administration of Medication Via Nebulizer | | | | NO. | |
| Purpose: To provide medication via nebulizer as prescribed by the attending physician.  Equipment: Nebulizer machine  Tubing  Water chamber  Mouthpiece / mask  Prescribed medication  Procedure:   1. Check the physician’s order for medication needed for treatment. 2. Place the patient in a comfortable sitting position. 3. Pour medication into chamber and assemble equipment. 4. Turn nebulizer on and check for mist. 5. Place mouthpiece in patient’s mouth and instruct them to bite down gently on the mouthpiece to seal mouthpiece with lips, or place mask securely over mouth and nose/trach site. 6. Instruct the patient to breathe slowly, taking 8-10 breaths each minute and holding each breath for 3-4 seconds before exhaling. 7. Continue Step 6 until all medication is used. 8. Disassemble equipment and clean nebulizing unit after each use.   Each resident has their own Nebulizer machine as well as their own tubing, mouthpiece and mask. Tubing is changed weekly by nursing personnel.  Cleaning a Nebulizer Machine:   1. Remove the mask or mouthpiece and T-shaped elbow from the cup of the nebulizer machine. 2. Rinse the mask or mouthpiece and T-shaped elbow in warm, running water. (There is no need to clean the tubing.) 3. Shake off excess water and air dry. 4. Reconnect the tubing, elbow and mask/mouthpiece to the compressor. 5. Place a plastic bag over the mask to assist in keeping it clean. 6. The disposable filter should be replaced when it becomes dirty or discolored, or every six months. 7. The Inventory Control/Supply Clerk will replace filters every six months or as needed. The nurse will notify the Supply Clerk for filter changes. | | | | | |
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