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| USING PULSE OXIMETRY | | | | NO. | |
| Purpose:  To obtain oxygen saturation for a resident in respiratory distress or on oxygen therapy.  Statement of Policy:  The procedure outlines the procedure for checking oxygen saturation of a resident who is in respiratory distress or on oxygen therapy.  Procedure:   1. Gathering equipment. 2. Obtain oximeter and make sure battery charged or AC cord available if needed. 3. Have available the documentation tool that the oxygen reading will be recorded on. 4. Make sure the oxygen is on the proper setting per orders if appropriate. 5. Have oxygen available for use, if level found below recommended level, if not previously ordered and respiratory distress exists. 6. Procedure for obtaining oxygen level. 7. Identify the resident and explain the procedure for oximetry 8. Turn unit power on. 9. Apply sensor probe to skin securely. Make sure probe is positioned properly. 10. Read print result and record. 11. If level is below prescribe physician ordered level, recheck and call physician with results for further orders. 12. Administer oxygen at the prescribed level per physician order if applicable. 13. Monitor oxygen levels at the ordered time frames and document in the medical record. 14. Monitor for signs and symptoms of hypoxia. I.E. shortness of breath, change in skin or nail bed color, poor peripheral circulation, rapid pulse, headache, hypertension, restlessness and change in mental status. 15. Cleanse equipment with antimicrobial cleanser | | | | | |
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