JULIAN MERCER

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Registered Respiratory Therapist with 10+ years across adult ICU, emergency, and NICU care. Manages ventilators, airway emergencies, and breathing treatments, and leads protocols that shorten ventilator time.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Respiratory Therapist, ICU Apr 2020 - Present
Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

- Coordinate respiratory care for a 24-bed medical ICU, covering about 15 ventilated patients on a typical day.
- Shortened average ventilator days by roughly half a day by running daily spontaneous breathing trials with intensivists and nurses.
- Respond to code blues and rapid responses, managing the airway and ventilation for every event on shift.
- Wrote a ventilator-circuit check list used by 30 therapists, which brought circuit-related alarms down across the unit.
- Teach new graduate therapists in an eight-week orientation covering ventilator modes, alarms, and ABG interpretation.
- Participate in the hospital's ventilator-associated pneumonia prevention team, auditing oral care and head-of-bed compliance.

Respiratory Therapist Jun 2016 - Mar 2020

- Delivered nebulizer, chest physiotherapy, and BiPAP therapy to a medical and emergency caseload of 20 to 25 patients per shift.
- Drew and interpreted arterial blood gases, calling abnormal values to physicians within the unit's target time.
- Performed pulmonary function tests for outpatient clinics, producing 10 to 12 reports a day for pulmonologists.
- Reviewed oxygen needs for patients ready for discharge, qualifying home oxygen with walk tests and documenting results for the case manager.
- Educated COPD and asthma patients on inhaler technique before discharge, supporting fewer return visits.

Respiratory Therapist, NICU Aug 2013 - May 2016
Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, OH

- Supported premature infants on conventional and high-frequency ventilation, attending high-risk deliveries as part of the resuscitation team.
- Taught parents home oxygen and apnea monitor use before discharge, and followed up on equipment questions.
- Participated in a unit quality project that tracked extubation failures and informed a weaning guideline.
- Assisted with intubation, surfactant delivery, and transport on the neonatal transport team.
- Documented every treatment, ventilator change, and assessment in the electronic chart by end of shift, meeting the department's charting audit standard.

CORE SKILLS

Mechanical ventilation | Airway management | Arterial blood gas analysis | BiPAP and CPAP | ECMO support | Neonatal respiratory care | Bronchoscopy assistance | Pulmonary function testing | Aerosol therapy | Code response | Ventilator weaning protocols | Epic documentation | Patient and family education

EDUCATION

Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Care, Columbus State Community College, Columbus, OH

CERTIFICATIONS

Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT), NBRC | Ohio Respiratory Care Professional License | ACLS, PALS, and NRP