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Review of Acute Care Rehabilitation Considerations for Pandemic Team-based Care

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Organization of today's talk



Oxygen titration,
mechanical ventilation,
suctioning



Monitors and
common lines,
tubes, and catheters



Controlled acts
and resources

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Expanding Team Based Models Considerations		
Domain	Summary	Tools and Resources Examples
Patient Care Needs	Define patient needs that can be met by skills of alternate care providers Determine Staff Ratios (baseline number of Critical Care RN's, Patient to Nurse ratio, ratio of CCRN to non-CCRN, role of non nurse)	Critical Care Multi- Professional Role Matrix (Appendix E)
Role Clarity	Create defined roles with clear responsibilities and expectations, using Patient Skill Categories (Appendix D) where possible	Role Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Critical Care Nurse (Patient Skill Levels: A, B, C) o Alternate Care Provider, Safety Officer, Extern, Patient Helper (Patient Skill Levels C,D)
Professional Responsibility	Ensure redeployed health professionals have understanding of regulatory guidance for scope of practice and standards of care during COVID-19	e.g. CNO COVID-19 Practice Resources https://www.cno.org/en/trending-topics/covid-19-practice-resources/
Orientation/ Skill Development	Provide streamlined education ensuring integration of safety processes, including method for follow-up in new clinical context	COVID and Critical Care Learning, Simulation (Appendix E)
Working with Unregulated staff	Ensure clinical teams understand their responsibilities when working with unregulated care providers, including delegation	e.g. CNO Practice Guideline: Working with Unregulated Care Providers https://www.cno.org/globalassets/docs/prac/41014_workingucp.pdf
Team Based Processes	Provide local team training and standardized tools to support integration of new roles: communication strategies, safety processes and debriefing	e.g. SBAR, daily team huddles, intentional rounding, and safety checks
Leader Roles	Strategies to welcome and integrate new team members: identification of ongoing learning needs, gaps, safety concerns, team wellness	Team check-ins, leader rounding, communication strategy
Evaluation	Consistent evaluation of Pandemic Staffing Plan and Strategy with regular review of patient needs, team-based model processes	Monitor patient acuity, quality, safety, and workload

Critical Care Services Ontario

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Oxygen titration, oxygen delivery devices, mechanical ventilation, and suctioning

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Consequences of too little oxygen - hypoxia

Hypoxia		
	Effects	Risks
Respiratory system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased ventilation - Pulmonary vasoconstriction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pulmonary hypertension
Cardiovascular system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coronary vasodilation - Decreased systemic vascular resistance (transient) - Increased cardiac output - Tachycardia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Myocardial ischemia/infarction - Ischemia/infarction of other critically perfused organs - Hypotension - Arrhythmias
Metabolic system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased 2,3-DPG - Increased CO₂ carriage (Haldane effect) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lactic acidosis
Neurological system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased cerebral blood flow due to vasodilation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confusion - Delirium - Coma
Renal system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Renin-angiotensin axis activation - Increased erythropoietin production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acute tubular necrosis

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Consequences of too much oxygen - hyperoxia

Hyperoxia		
	Effects	Risks
Respiratory system	- Decreased ventilation	- Worsened ventilation / perfusion matching - Absorption atelectasis
Cardiovascular system		- Myocardial ischemia (in context of decreased haematocrit) - Reduced cardiac output - Reduced coronary blood flow - Increased blood pressure - Increased reactive oxygen species
Metabolic system	- Decreased 2,3-DPG - Decreased CO ₂ carriage (Haldane effect)	- Increased reactive oxygen species
Neurological system	- Decreased cerebral blood flow	
Renal system		- Reduced renal blood flow

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Oxygenation Classification

	PaO2	SpO2 %
Mild Hypoxemia	60-79 mm Hg	90-94%
Moderate Hypoxemia	40 – 59 mm Hg	75-89%
Severe Hypoxemia	< 40 mm Hg	< 75 %

When is Oxygenation Concerning?

- $FiO_2 \geq 0.6$
- $SpO_2 \sim 90\%$

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Estimating PaO2 with SpO2

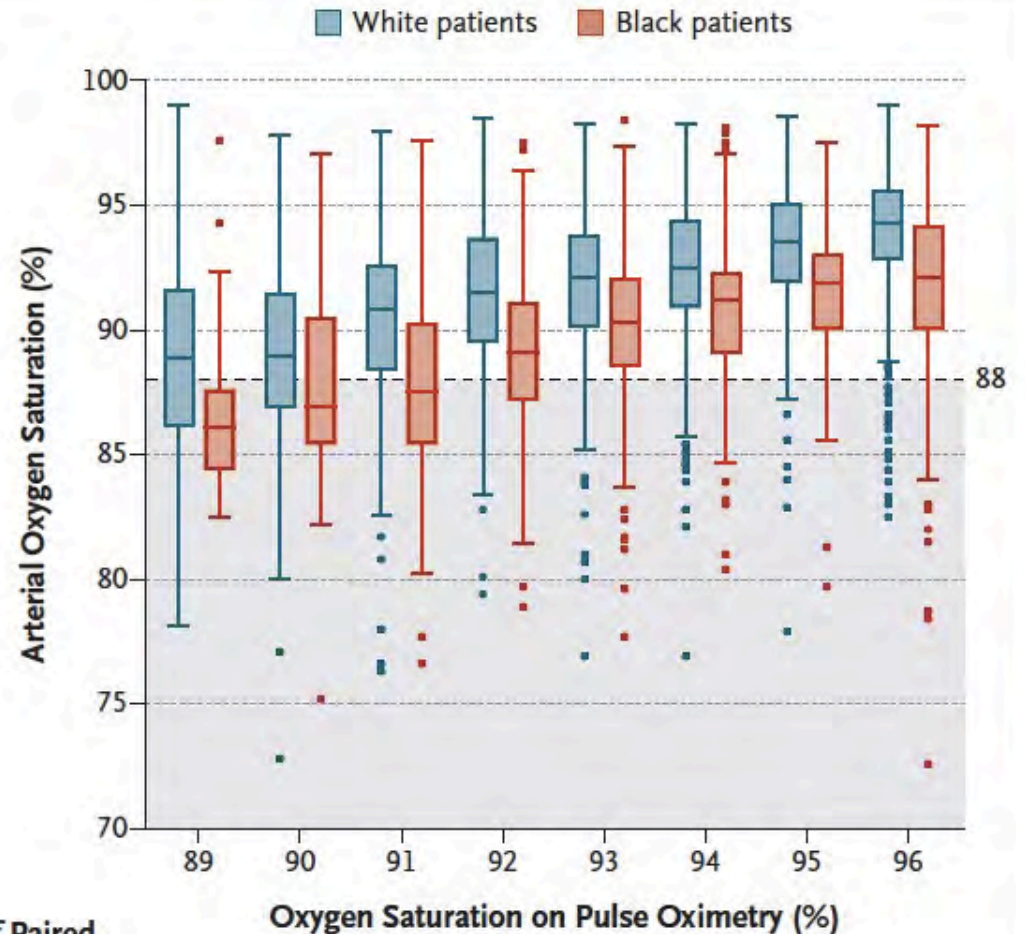
SpO2 (%)	PaO2 (mmHg)
80	44
81	45
82	46
83	47
84	49
85	50
86	52
87	53
88	55
89	57
90	60
91	62
92	65
93	69
94	73
95	79
96	86
97	96
98	112
99	145



Racial Bias in Pulse Oximetry Measurement

Sjoding et al., NEJM, 2020. 383;25

- Paired measures of SpO₂ and PaO₂ can be lower in black patients than in white patients
- SpO₂ may *overestimate* actual PaO₂ in black patients
- Consider your respiratory assessment and observation in black patients



No. of Paired Measurements

White patients	92	178	231	314	438	556	653	817
Black patients	20	52	59	83	127	126	188	225

Indications, contraindications, and adverse effects of supplemental oxygen administration

Indications

- **Documented hypoxemia** - decreased PaO₂ in the blood below normal range
 - PaO₂ of < 60 torr or SaO₂ of < 90% in patients breathing room air, or with PaO₂ and/or SaO₂ below desirable range for specific clinical situation
- **Acute situation w/ suspected hypoxemia**
- Severe trauma
- Short-term therapy (e.g., carbon monoxide poisoning) or surgical intervention (e.g., post-anesthesia recovery).
- Pneumothorax absorption

Absolute Contraindications

- Patient/Client does not consent to receiving the oxygen
- Use of some O₂ delivery devices
 - Nasal cannulas and nasopharyngeal catheters in neonates and pediatric patients that have nasal obstructions

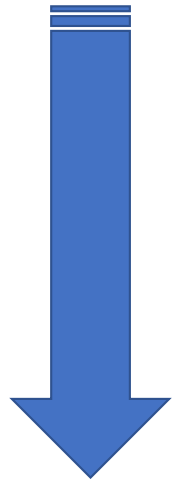
Adverse Effects

- Oxygen toxicity
- Oxidative stress
- Depression of ventilation in a select population with chronic hypercarbia (e.g., COPD)

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Oxygen Delivery Systems

Least support



Most support

- Nasal prongs or cannula
- Face mask
- High flow nasal cannula
- Face mask with reservoir
- Mechanical ventilation
 - Non-invasive or invasive

Nasal prong



Face mask



Nasal cannula for HFOT



Face mask with reservoir



Nasal cannula / prongs

Flow rate (L/min)	Estimated FiO ₂
1	0.24
2	0.28
3	0.32
4	0.36
5	0.40
6	0.44



Oxygen Masks



Device	Simple	Venturi	Non-rebreather
O ₂ Stability	Variable	Fixed	Variable
FiO ₂	35% - 50%	24% - 50% or 60%	~100%
Flow Rate	6-10 L/min	3-15 L/min	8-15 L/ min

*To increase FiO₂, identify the proper adapter *first*, then adjust flow rate

Mechanical Ventilation

Non-invasive:

- Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)
- Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP)
- CPAP and BiPAP both typically delivered by mask, and mode determined by ventilator settings

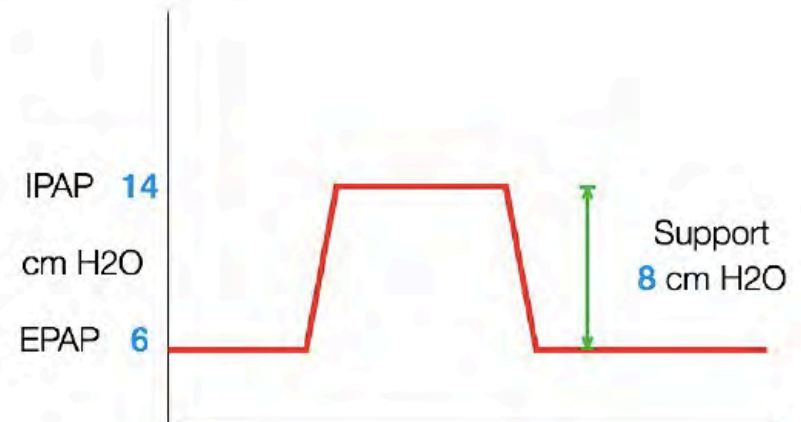


Invasive Mechanical ventilation



Non-Invasive Ventilation







- CPAP = continuous positive airway pressure
 - Can assist with maintaining airway opening
 - Minimize atelectasis
 - No support during inspiration
 - No augmentation of tidal volume
- BiPAP = Bivel positive airway pressure
 - All of the benefits of CPAP
 - Augment tidal volume
 - Provide inspiratory support



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NIV and physical therapy/ rehabilitation

- NIV is *not* a contraindication for physical therapy / rehabilitation activities
- Tolerance of NIV is heavily affected by the interface (mask) and this may create a challenge for the level of mobility

						
Patient Assessment	Unresponsive/ rousable but not following commands Or Sedated	Fluctuating LOC/ inconsistently following commands; Unable to lift arm/leg off bed	Opens eyes, follows simple commands; Moderate weakness in arm/leg, unable to sit up independently	Mild weakness in arm/leg, able to move against gravity, unable to stand independently	Able to stand and transfer to chair with assist	Minimal assist/ Independent with mobility
SAS Score	1-2	3-5	3-5	4-5	4-5	4-5
RASS Score	-3 to -1	-2 to -1	0	0	0	0

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Mechanical ventilation terminology

FiO ₂	Fraction of inspired oxygen
PEEP (cm H ₂ O)	Positive end-expiratory pressure
Trigger Sensitivity	The criteria used by the ventilator to determine patient effort

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Common Modes of Ventilation Inspiratory Support

	Volume	Flow	Pressure	Cycle	Frequency
Volume Assist Control	Controlled	Controlled	Determined by respiratory system	Volume or Time	Minimum rate is set, patient can breath above
Pressure Assist Control	Determined by respiratory system	Variable	Controlled	Time	Minimum rate is set, patient can breath above
CPAP with Pressure Support	Determined by respiratory system and patient demand	Variable	Controlled	% of peak flow	No set rate, patient controls the rate

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Invasive ventilation and physical therapy/ rehabilitation







- Invasive mechanical ventilation is *not* a contraindication for physical therapy / rehabilitation activities
- If a patient is on an “Assist-Control mode”, activities that increase respiratory rate may lead to air-trapping and patient discomfort

						
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Mechanical ventilation, sedation, and rehabilitation

- Considerations related to mechanical ventilation normally co-exist with the level of critical illness and likely correlate with level of sedation
- These considerations should not prevent mobility/activity, but may limit the maximum level that can be achieved

						
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- If a patient can get bathed, they can get PT! / rehabilitation
- Patients with low SpO2 will likely have low SaO2
- A patient with low hemoglobin is a disadvantage for tissue oxygenation particularly when SaO2 or cardiac output is low
 - Consider the hemoglobin
 - Consider the hemodynamic status of the patient
 - Consider less 'Active' forms of mobility until these issues are corrected

						
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Types of physical therapy / rehabilitation treatments & effects on oxygenation

	Positioning and airway clearance (chest physiotherapy)	Mobilization / Physical activity
Cardiopulmonary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ lung volumes ↑ lung capacities ↓ work of breathing ↑ mobilization of secretions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ tidal volume ↑ respiratory rate ↑ mobilization of secretions
Cardiovascular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↓ work of the heart 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ cardiac output ↑ stroke volume and heart rate ↑ oxygen dissociation and extraction at tissue

Adapted from Main and Denehy, 2016 p. 321

Suctioning

Teaching Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bISMSuWEiPA>

Indications

- Remove pulmonary secretions
- Inability to clear secretions when audible/ visible evidence persistent in large airways despite patient's best cough effort
 - Visible secretions in airway, Increased tactile fremitus
- Auscultation of coarse, gurgling breath sounds, or diminished breath sounds
- Suspected aspiration
- Clinically apparent increased work of breathing
- Deterioration in arterial blood gases – hypoxemia/ hypercarbia
- Stimulate cough
- Maintain patency of artificial airway
- Obtain sputum sample

Click here to access suctioning video

No absolute contraindications

- Relative to risk
- Failing to suction may be lethal

Respir Care 2010;55(6):758 –764



Monitors and common lines, tubes, and catheters

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Reading the bedside monitor



Heart rate (green)

Arterial blood pressure (red)

Central venous pressure (orange)

Oxygen saturation (SpO₂, blue)

Respiratory rate (white)

Interpreting Vital Signs

Parameters Indicating a Lack of Readiness for Physical Therapy Interventions

Pulmonary Measures^{30,40-45}

- SpO_2 : <88% or patient experiences a 10% oxygen desaturation below resting SpO_2
- Respiratory rate: >35 breaths/min
- PEEP: >10 cm H₂O
- FIO_2 : ≥0.6

Cardiovascular Measures^{30,40-45}

- Mean arterial pressure: <65 or >120 mm Hg or ≥10 mm Hg lower than normal systolic or diastolic blood pressure for patients receiving renal dialysis
- Resting heart rate: <50 or >140 bpm
- Systolic blood pressure: <90 or >200 mm Hg
- New arrhythmia developed (including frequent ventricular ectopic beats or new onset atrial fibrillation)
- New onset angina-type chest pain

Normal Vital Signs:

SpO₂: 95-100%

Respiratory Rate: 12-20 bpm

HR: 80-100 bpm

BP: 120/80 mm Hg

Nordon-Craft et al., Phys Ther. 2012;92:1494-1506.

Systematic assessment of a patient in the ICU

Mechanical ventilator

Arms Note:
Don't take a manual blood pressure on the same side as a PICC line or a dialysis fistula



Nose, mouth, neck

(e.g., NG tube, endotracheal tube, tracheostomy, central venous catheter)

Thorax

(e.g., central venous catheter (subclavian), chest tube, Jackson-Pratt (JP) drain, abdominal VAC dressing (abdominal binder?))

Arms

(e.g., IVs, PICC (peripherally-inserted central catheter), arterial line, SpO₂)

Groin

(e.g., Foley catheter, rectal tube)

Legs

(e.g., Femoral catheter (venous or arterial), pedal IV, sequential compression devices (moon boots))

Additional information available in online resources

INTRACRANIAL PRESSURE CATHETER AND/OR VENTRICULOSTOMY ①

A small tube or catheter inserted into the brain to monitor the brain swelling. This may also be used to drain excess fluid.

CENTRAL LINE/PA CATHETER ②

A catheter in the neck, chest, or groin that helps in monitoring and treating the flow of blood. Some of these catheters may be used for giving nutrition and other medications.

TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE ③

A breathing tube inserted in the neck usually when ventilator (assisted) breathing is needed for a long period of time.

ARTERIAL LINE ④

A small tube or catheter that is inserted into the artery to continuously monitor the blood pressure.

PULSE OXIMETER ⑤

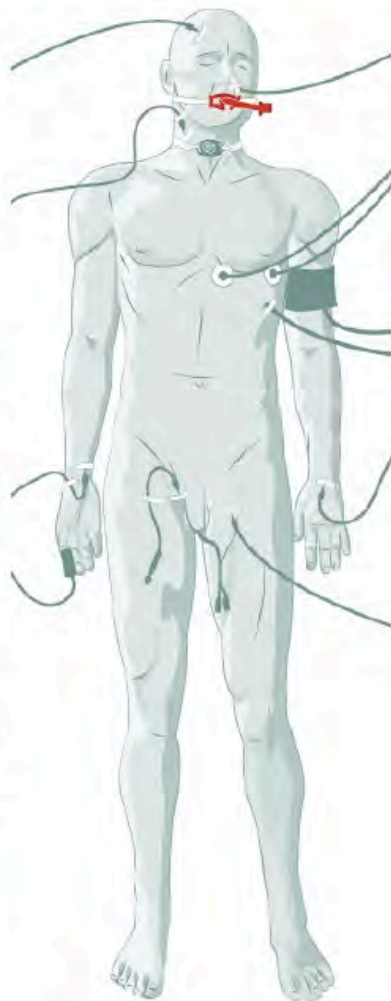
A small probe attached to the finger, nose, or ear that helps monitor the oxygen in the blood and the patient's pulse.

DIALYSIS CATHETER ⑥

A tube-like catheter inserted in the groin or neck. The catheter is hooked up to external tubing and a dialysis machine, which cleans the blood and assists the kidneys.

FOLEY CATHETER ⑦

A catheter inserted to the bladder to drain the urine into a bag.



NASOGASTRIC TUBE ⑧

A tube inserted into the stomach or intestines to provide nutrition and remove gastric acid or secretions.

ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE (ETT) ⑨

A breathing tube inserted through the mouth or nose that is connected to an assisted breathing machine (ventilator).

HEART MONITOR LEADS ⑩

Sticky pads are placed on the chest of almost every ICU patient in order to monitor the electrical activity of the heart.

BLOOD PRESSURE CUFF ⑪

A large cuff placed on the arm or the leg, which may be automatically or manually inflated so that the amount of pressure in the arteries can be evaluated.

CHEST TUBE ⑫

A larger tube inserted between the skin on the chest and the lungs. This tube removes free air or blood that may make it difficult for the patient to breathe.

PERIPHERAL IV ⑬

A small plastic tube placed into the vein, which is used to give fluid or medications.

INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON PUMP (IABP) ⑭

A catheter inserted into the groin, which assists the heart with pumping blood.

Sources: MyICUCare.org

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/health/end-of-life/the-links-to-life-for-a-patient-in-critical-care/article2246280/#>

Typical devices/ containers below the bed



Sequential compression
(moonboots) device controller



Chest tube drainage system (right)
Urine collection bag (left)



Urine collection bag (left)
Forced air (e.g. Bair hugger)
airflow warming/ cooling unit
(right)

Typical devices above and beside the bed



IV pumps, feeding pump (not shown)



Mechanical ventilator

Pressure bag – likely arterial line or central venous pressure

Typical lines, catheters, and tubes



Intravenous (IV)
catheter in hand vein

Pulse Oximetry
(SpO₂)



Central venous catheter
(internal jugular vein in
picture)
Also can be placed in other
veins: subclavian, femoral



Radial arterial line
(Blood pressure)



Nasogastric tube
Also can be placed in
mouth (orogastric
tube)

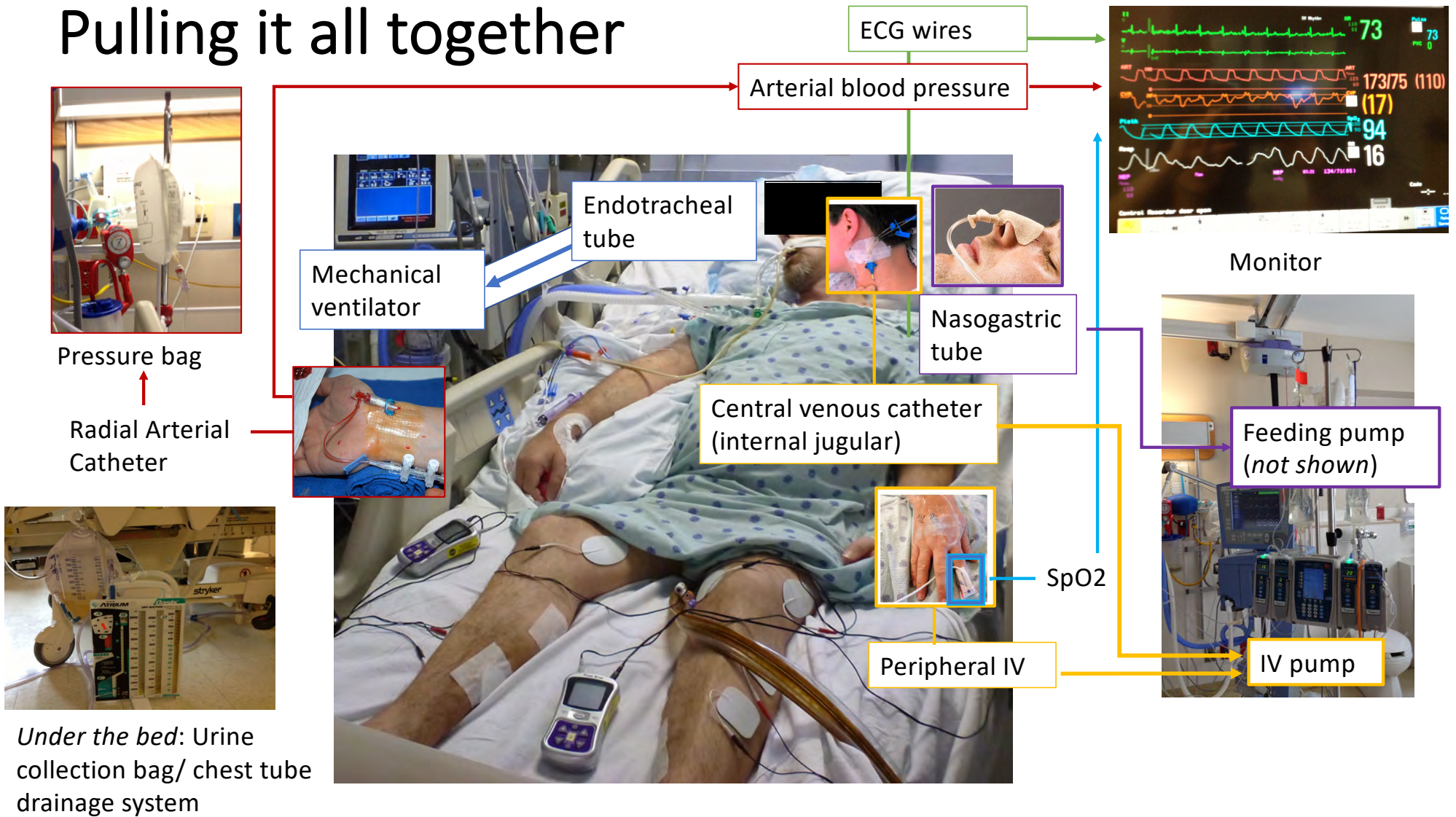
Arterial line: <http://img.medscape.com/pi/features/slideshow-slide/radial-artery/fig17.jpg>

Central Line: <http://www.allegromedical.com/wound-care-c541/tegaderm-w-brdr-4-x-4-3-4-p549331.html>

IV, SpO₂, NG tube: Nursing Times 21.08.12 / Vol 108 No 34/35

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Pulling it all together





Controlled acts and resources

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Controlled Act-CPO

Physiotherapists who perform controlled acts under their own authority must roster for each of these activities with the College. These include:

- **tracheal suctioning**
- spinal manipulation
- acupuncture (including dry needling)
- treating a wound below the dermis
- pelvic internal exams (this includes putting an instrument, hand or finger, beyond the labia majora, or beyond the anal verge)
- **administering a substance by inhalation**
 - <https://www.collegept.org/rules-and-resources/controlled-acts-and-restricted-activities>

Authority and Responsibility

- Physiotherapists must have the authority to perform a controlled or legally restricted act. They get this authority from legislation, delegation, or a transfer of authority.
- Every **controlled act** performed by a physiotherapist must be within the scope of practice of physiotherapy.
- Physiotherapists are responsible both for deciding to offer a controlled act and for performing it.
- Physiotherapists who are asked by the College must be able to show that they meet the requirements in this standard.
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Education and Training

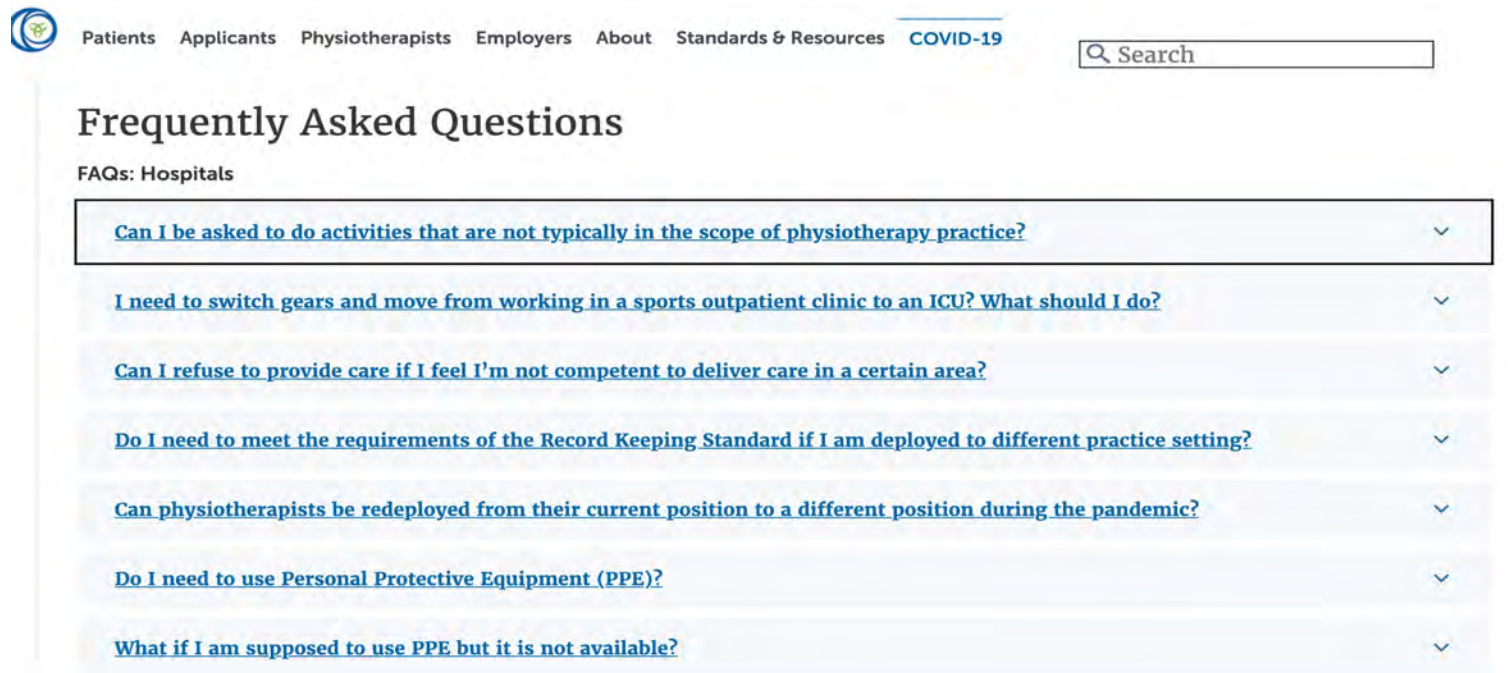
- Physiotherapists must be able to prove that they have successfully completed training for the controlled acts they perform. This can be formal education or training delivered on the job. During the training, the physiotherapist must:
- Learn the indications, contraindications, adverse outcomes, and risks associated with performing the controlled act.
- Practise the controlled act under the supervision of a person who is authorized to perform it.
- Be evaluated on the knowledge, judgement, and practical skills needed to perform the controlled act.
- Show that they are able to safely and competently perform the controlled act.

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Frequently Asked Questions (CPO-COVID-19/Hospitals)



The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with links for Patients, Applicants, Physiotherapists, Employers, About, Standards & Resources, and COVID-19. A search bar is located to the right of the menu. Below the navigation is the heading "Frequently Asked Questions" and a sub-heading "FAQs: Hospitals". A list of seven questions is displayed, each with a dropdown arrow on the right. The first question is highlighted with a black border.

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Frequently Asked Questions

FAQs: Hospitals

- [Can I be asked to do activities that are not typically in the scope of physiotherapy practice?](#)
- [I need to switch gears and move from working in a sports outpatient clinic to an ICU? What should I do?](#)
- [Can I refuse to provide care if I feel I'm not competent to deliver care in a certain area?](#)
- [Do I need to meet the requirements of the Record Keeping Standard if I am deployed to different practice setting?](#)
- [Can physiotherapists be redeployed from their current position to a different position during the pandemic?](#)
- [Do I need to use Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)?](#)
- [What if I am supposed to use PPE but it is not available?](#)

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Rehabilitation for Patients with COVID-19 Guidance for Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Assistants

Réadaptation pour les patients atteints de la COVID-19 Conseils pour les ergothérapeutes, physiothérapeutes, orthophonistes et assistant de réadaptation

1. Complete point of care risk assessment before each patient interaction
2. Do as much as possible without patient contact
 - Limit therapist exposure to virus
 - Preserve personal protective equipment (PPE)
3. If direct patient contact required, determine type of PPE needed
 - Emphasis on *aerosol generating procedures* for airborne precautions
 - Access to N95 masks

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