PURPOSE

To establish parameters for the usage of the transport ventilator.

MISSION / VALUES RATIONALE

This policy is aligned with the Mission and Values for Amita Health. Our mission calls us to provide compassionate, holistic care with a spirit of healing and hope for all persons in the communities we serve. Our ministry is an enduring sign of our Core Values of HOPE, to instill us with integrity, inspire us to interconnect with each other, encourage us to honor diversity and dignity of each individual and empower us to always strive for exceptional performance to our patients/residents and to best serve those in need.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/FORMS TO BE USED

N/A

PROCEDURE

I. The transport ventilator shall only be used on non-emergency transportations, i.e. intra-hospital, hospital to long care facility, and for routine home ventilator patients being transported to the hospital for routine testing unless approved by the Resource Hospital. Ventilator transporting shall be done by an ALS crew and rig.

II. The patient’s chart must have written ventilator settings.

III. The settings on the transport ventilator must match the orders as exact as possible.

IV. The O₂ tank must be a minimum of 1500 psi. prior to transport.

V. The O₂ tank must be changed if 500lbs or less during transport.

VI. If at any time the patient becomes compromised, disconnect the ventilator and ambu-bag the patient and treat the patient according to the SMO’s.

VII. If other causes identified, you may reconnect the ventilator at the written settings.

VIII. Vital Signs must be taken every 30 minutes unless required more frequently.
IX. The “Transport Ventilator QA” form must be filled out and forward to the EMS Office.

X. the “Transport Ventilator Log” must be filled out and filed.

NOTE: Policies with original signatures are on file in Administration.

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