

**Respiratory Care Services
John Dempsey Hospital
Policy and Procedure Manual**

Subject: Adverse and/or Unexpected Reactions to Respiratory Therapy

Rationale: Adverse and/or unexpected reactions during therapy must be quickly identified to avoid injury to the patient, and communicated accurately and efficiently to the medical staff for appropriate modification of the therapy order. Adverse reactions include an increase or decrease in respiratory and/or heart rate, blood pressure or alertness and a change in the patient's comfort level.

Procedure: Adverse Reaction to Therapy

1. Immediately discontinue the therapy.
2. Notify the nurse and the physician.
3. Chart the adverse reaction in the patient's progress notes.
4. Complete Risk Identification Report Form (RIR)

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