

DEFINITIONS

Oxygen, continuous-Individual must require oxygen a minimum of 12 hours out of 24.

Oxygen, unstable, - Dependent on oxygen 24 hours per day plus any 2 of the following:

- Diuretics

- Albuterol treatments at least q4hrs around the clock

- Weight is below 15th percentile for age and gain does not follow normal curve for height

- >3 hospitalizations in last 6 months for respiratory problems

- Daily desaturation below doctor ordered parameters and desaturation requires nursing intervention

- Physician ordered restricted fluid intake

G-tube with reflux - Individual has continuous G-tube feeds plus one of the following swallow study within the last 6 months that demonstrated reflux aspiration pneumonia within the last 12 months need for suctioning due to reflux (not oral secretions) on a daily basis

Simple medication - One or two medications that do not require dosage adjustment

Moderate medication - More than two meds that require close monitoring of dosage, side effects etc.

Complex medication - Six or more meds on different frequency schedules. Four or more meds requiring close monitoring of dosage and side effects

Dressings - Sterile dressings only; Trach dressings are not included in this category

Special Treatments - Other treatments that are considered skilled e.g. nebulizer. ROM is not a special treatment.

Specialized I/O monitoring - Monitoring that includes judgment of fluid replacement needs

Assessment - Evaluation of complex medical conditions with daily assessment and treatment need. This area summarizes the daily medically necessary assessments required to determine daily treatment needs for intermittent and variable medical conditions that require the skilled medical interventions provided by a nurse.