Standard 7. Quality of Care

The respiratory nurse systematically enhances the quality and effectiveness of nursing practice.

Measurement Criteria:

The respiratory registered nurse:

Demonstrates quality by documenting the application of the nursing process in a responsible, accountable, and ethical manner.

Uses the results of quality improvement activities to initiate changes in nursing practice and in the healthcare delivery system.

Uses creativity and innovation in nursing practice to improve care delivery.

Incorporates new knowledge to initiate changes in nursing practice if desired outcomes are not achieved.

Participates in quality improvement activities. Such activities may include:

- identifying aspects of practice important for quality monitoring.
- Using indicators developed to monitor quality and effectiveness of respiratory nursing practice.
- Collecting data to monitor quality and effectiveness of respiratory nursing practice.
- Analyzing quality data to identify opportunities for improving respiratory nursing practice.
- Formulating recommendations to improve respiratory nursing practice or patient outcomes;
- Implementing activities to enhance the quality of respiratory nursing practice.
- Developing, implementing, and evaluating policies, procedures, and/or guidelines to improve the quality of respiratory nursing practice.
- Analyzing symptoms and syndromes related to age from infant to elder
- Participating on interdisciplinary teams to evaluate clinical care or health services.
- Participating in efforts to minimize costs and unnecessary duplication.
- Analyzing factors related to safety, satisfaction, effectiveness, and
cost/benefit options.
· Analyzing organizational systems for barriers.
· Implementing processes to remove or decrease barriers within organizational systems.

Additional Measurement Criteria for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse:
The advanced practice registered nurse caring for patients with respiratory disorders:

Obtains and maintains professional certification if available in the area of expertise.

Designs quality improvement initiatives.

Implements initiatives to evaluate the need for change.

Evaluates the practice environment and quality of respiratory nursing care rendered in relation to existing evidence, identifying opportunities for the generation and use of research.

Additional Measurement Criteria for the Nursing Role Specialty:
The respiratory registered nurse in a nursing role specialty:

Obtains and maintains professional certification if available in the area of expertise.

Designs quality improvement initiatives.

Implements initiatives to evaluate the need for change.

Evaluates the practice environment and quality of respiratory nursing care rendered in relation to existing evidence, identifying opportunities for the generation and use of research.

Standard 8. Education
The respiratory nurse attains knowledge and competency that reflects current respiratory nursing practice.

Measurement Criteria:
The respiratory registered nurse:

Participates in ongoing educational activities related to appropriate knowledge bases and professional issues.

Demonstrates a commitment to lifelong learning through self-reflection and inquiry to identify learning needs.

Seeks experiences that reflect current practice in order to maintain skills and competence in clinical practice or role performance.
Acquires knowledge and skills appropriate to the specialty area, practice setting, role, or situation.

Maintains professional records that provide evidence of competency and life-long learning.

Seeks experiences and formal and independent learning activities to maintain and develop clinical and professional skills and knowledge.

*Additional Measurement Criteria for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse:*
The advanced practice registered nurse caring for patients with respiratory disorders:

Uses current healthcare research findings and other evidence to expand clinical knowledge, enhance role performance, and increase knowledge of professional issues.

*Additional Measurement Criteria for the Nursing Role Specialty:*
The respiratory registered nurse in a nursing role specialty:

Uses current research findings and other evidence to expand knowledge, enhance role performance, and increase knowledge of professional issues.

**Standard 9. Professional Practice Evaluation**

The respiratory nurse evaluates one’s own respiratory nursing practice in relation to professional practice standards and guidelines, relevant statutes, rules, and regulations.

*Measurement Criteria:*
The respiratory registered nurse’s practice reflects the application of knowledge of current practice standards, guidelines, statutes, rules, and regulations.

2. The respiratory registered nurse:

Provides age-appropriate (from elder to infant) care in a culturally and ethnically sensitive manner.

Engages in self-evaluation of practice on a regular basis, identifying areas of strength as well as areas in which professional development would be beneficial.

3. The nurses

Obtains informal feedback regarding one’s own practice from patients, peers, professional colleagues, and others.

Participates in systematic peer review as appropriate.

4. The nurse

Takes action to achieve goals identified during the evaluation process.
Provides rationales for practice beliefs, decisions, and actions as part of the informal and formal evaluation processes.

Additional Measurement Criteria for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse:
The advanced practice registered nurse caring for patients with respiratory disorders engages in a formal process, seeking feedback regarding one’s own practice from patients, peers, professional colleagues, and others.

Additional Measurement Criteria for the Nursing Role Specialty:
The respiratory registered nurse in a nursing role specialty engages in a formal process seeking feedback regarding role performance from individuals, professional colleagues, representatives, and administrators of corporate entities, and others.

Standard 10. Collegiality

The respiratory nurse interacts and contributes to the professional development of peers and colleagues.

Measurement Criteria:

The respiratory registered nurse:

9. **The nurse** shares knowledge and skills with peers and colleagues as evidenced by such activities as patient care conferences or presentations at formal or informal meetings.

10. **The nurse** provides peers with feedback regarding their practice and/or role performance.

   Interacts with peers and colleagues to enhance one’s own professional nursing practice and/or role performance.

   Maintains compassionate and caring relationships with peers and colleagues.

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11. **The nurse** contributes to an environment that is conducive to the education of healthcare professionals.

   Contributes to a supportive and healthy work environment.

Additional Measurement Criteria for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse:
The advanced practice registered nurse caring for patients with respiratory disorders:

Models expert practice to interdisciplinary team members and healthcare consumers.

Mentors other registered nurses and colleagues as appropriate.
Participates with interdisciplinary teams that contribute to role development and advanced nursing practice and health care.

*Additional Measurement Criteria for the Nursing Role Specialty:*

The respiratory registered nurse in a nursing role specialty:

- Participates on multi-professional teams that contribute to role development and, directly or indirectly, advance nursing practice and health services.

- Mentors other registered nurses and colleagues as appropriate.

**Standard 11. Collaboration**

The respiratory nurse collaborates with *client*, family, *caregivers* and others in the conduct of respiratory nursing practice.

*Measurement Criteria:*

1. The respiratory registered nurse:
   - Communicates with patient, family, and health care providers regarding patient care and the nurse’s role in the provision of care.

2. Collaborates in creating a documented plan, focused on outcomes and decisions related to care and delivery of services, that indicates communication with patients, families, and others. The nurse collaborates with these stakeholders.

3. Partners with others to effect change and generate positive outcomes through knowledge of the patient or situation.

4. Documents referrals, including provisions for continuity of care.

*Additional Measurement Criteria for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse:*

The advanced practice registered nurse caring for patients with respiratory disorders:

- Partners with other disciplines to enhance patient care through interdisciplinary activities, such as education, consultation, management, technological development, or research opportunities.

- Facilitates an interdisciplinary process with other members of the healthcare team.

- Documents plan of care communications, rationales for plan of care changes, and collaborative discussions to improve patient care.
Partners with others to enhance healthcare and, ultimately, patient care through interdisciplinary activities, such as education, consultation, management, technological development, or research opportunities.

Documents plans, communications, rationales for plan changes, and collaborative discussions.

**Standard 12. Ethics**

The respiratory nurse **integrates ethical provisions in all areas of practice.**

*Measurement Criteria:*

12. The nurse’s practice is guided by the *Code for Nurses.*

The respiratory registered nurse:

Uses the *Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements* (ANA, 2001) to guide practice.

Delivers care in a manner that preserves and protects patient autonomy, dignity, and rights.

13. **Maintains client** confidentiality within legal and regulatory parameters.

14. **Serves as a client advocate** assisting patients in developing skills for self-advocacy.

15. Maintains a therapeutic and professional patient-nurse relationship with appropriate professional role boundaries.

Demonstrates a commitment to practicing self-care, managing stress, and connecting with self and others.

Contributes to resolving ethical issues of patients, colleagues, or systems as evidenced in such activities as participating on ethics committees.

Reports illegal, incompetent, or impaired practices.

*Additional Measurement Criteria for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse:*

The advanced practice registered nurse caring for patients with respiratory disorders:

Informs the patient of the risks, benefits, and outcomes of healthcare regimes.

Participates in interdisciplinary teams that address ethical risks, benefits, and outcomes.
Additional Measurement Criteria for the Nursing Role Specialty:
The respiratory registered nurse in a nursing role specialty:

Participates in multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary teams that address ethical risks, benefits, and outcomes.

Informs administrators or others of the risks, benefits, and outcomes of programs and decisions that affect healthcare delivery.

Standard 13. Research

The respiratory nurse integrates research findings into respiratory nursing practice.

Measurement Criteria:

24. The respiratory registered nurse:

Utilizes the best available evidence, including research findings, to guide practice decisions.

25. Actively The respiratory nurse participates in research activities at various levels appropriate to the nurse’s level of education and position. Such activities may include:

- identifying clinical problems specific to nursing research (patient care and nursing practice).
- participating in data collection (surveys, pilot projects, formal studies).
- participating in a formal committee or program.
- Sharing research activities and/or findings with peers and others.
- Conducting research.
- Critically analyzing and interpreting research for application to practice.
- Using research findings in the development of policies, procedures, and standards of practice in client patient care.
- Incorporating research as a basis for learning.

Additional Measurement Criteria for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse:
The advanced practice registered nurse caring for patients with respiratory disorders:

Contributes to nursing knowledge by conducting or synthesizing research that discovers, examines, and evaluates knowledge, theories, criteria, and creative approaches to improve healthcare practice.

Formally disseminates research findings through activities, such as presentations, publications, consultation, and journal clubs.
Additional Measurement Criteria for the Nursing Role Specialty:
The respiratory registered nurse in a nursing role specialty:

   - Contributes to nursing knowledge by conducting or synthesizing research that discovers, examines, and evaluates knowledge, theories, criteria, and creative approaches to improve healthcare practice.
   - Formally disseminates research findings through activities, such as presentations, publications, consultation, and journal clubs.

Standard 14. Resource Utilization

The respiratory nurse considers factors related to safety, effectiveness, cost, and impact on practice in the planning and delivery of client nursing services.

Measurement Criteria:

26. The respiratory registered nurse:

- Evaluates factors such as safety, effectiveness, availability, cost and benefits, efficiencies, and impact on practice when choosing practice options that would result in the same expected outcome.

28. The nurse assists the patient, family, and/or caregivers in identifying and securing appropriate and available services to address health-related needs.

27. The nurse assigns or delegates tasks based on the needs and condition of the patient, potential for harm, stability of the patient’s condition, complexity of the task, and predictability of the outcome.

   - Assists the patient and family in becoming informed consumers about the options, costs, risks, and benefits of treatment and care.

Additional Measurement Criteria for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse:
The advanced practice registered nurse caring for patients with respiratory disorders:

- Utilizes organizational and community resources to formulate multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary plans of care.

- Develops innovative solutions for patient care problems that address effective resource utilization and maintenance of quality.

- Develops evaluation strategies to demonstrate cost effectiveness, cost benefit, and efficiency factors associated with nursing practice.
Additional Measurement Criteria for the Nursing Role Specialty:
The respiratory registered nurse in the nursing role specialty:

- Develops innovative solutions and applies strategies to obtain appropriate resources for nursing initiatives.
- Secures organizational resources to ensure a work environment conducive to completing the identified plan and outcomes.
- Develops evaluation methods to measure safety and effectiveness for interventions and outcomes.
- Promotes activities that assist others, as appropriate, in becoming informed about costs, risks, and benefits of care, or of the plan and solution.

Standard 15. Leadership

The respiratory nurse provides leadership in the professional practice setting and the profession.

Measurement Criteria:
The respiratory registered nurse:

- Engages in teamwork as a team player and a team builder.
- Works to create and maintain healthy work environments in local, regional, national, or international communities.
- Displays the ability to define a clear vision, the associated goals, and a plan to implement and measure progress.
- Demonstrates a commitment to continuous lifelong learning for self and others.
- Teaches others to succeed by mentoring and other strategies.
- Exhibits creativity and flexibility through times of change.
- Demonstrates energy, excitement, and a passion for quality work.
- Willingly accepts mistakes by self and others, thereby creating a culture in which risk-taking is not only safe, but expected.
- Inspires loyalty through valuing of people as the most precious asset in an organization.
Directs the coordination of care across settings and among caregivers, including oversight of licensed and unlicensed personnel in any assigned or delegated tasks.

Serves in key roles in the work setting by participating on committees, councils, and administrative teams.

Promotes advancement of the profession through participation in professional organizations.

*Additional Measurement Criteria for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse:*

The advanced practice registered nurse caring for patients with respiratory disorders:

- Works to influence decision-making bodies to improve patient care.

Provides direction to enhance the effectiveness of the healthcare team.

- Initiates and revises protocols or guidelines to reflect evidence-based practice, to reflect accepted changes in care management, or to address emerging problems such as the growing elderly population.

- Promotes communication of information and advancement of the profession through writing, publishing, and presentations for professionals or lay audiences.

- Designs innovations to effect change in practice and improve health outcomes.

*Additional Measurement Criteria for the Nursing Role Specialty:*

The respiratory registered nurse in the nursing role specialty:

- Works to influence decision-making bodies to improve patient care, health services, and policies.

- Promotes communication of information and advancement of the profession through writing, publishing, and presentations for professionals or lay audiences.

- Designs innovations to effect change in practice and outcomes.

- Provides direction to enhance the effectiveness of the multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary team.