Standard Operating Procedure:  
Respiratory Therapy / Critical Care Communication

**Purpose:**

To standardize the process of ventilator order entry and communication with respiratory therapist to facilitate consistent and uniform ventilatory strategy for critically ill patients in the SICU

**Procedure:**

1. Print out a **Respiratory Therapy List** from WIZ prior to rounds.  
   - In Wiz Order, go to the **Printouts** and select **Respiratory Therapy List**, then select (SICU) **scratch census**, select **all**, then select **OK** and print.

2. Review the respiratory care orders as printed on the **Respiratory Therapy List** for the SICU consult scratch census on each patient during rounds.

3. Update orders as needed using the rolling computer while rounding.

   ➢ **For ventilator weaning, three (3) order sets** are present in WIZ and can be accessed by typing in **vent wean** and then selecting **SICU ventilator weaning order set**.  
     - Choose the appropriate wean: **PSV Wean, FiO2 Wean**, or **PEEP Wean**.  
     - These orders can be modified once these orders have been entered

   ➢ Additional orders that require entry are:  
     - Trach collar trials with frequency and duration,  
     - extubation to a desired FiO2  
     - incentive spirometry with frequency.

4. Print out an updated **Respiratory Therapy List** at the completion of rounds, senior member of MDSCC team to discuss plans of care with the therapist.  
   - SICU respiratory therapist pager - 835-5990 to round and go over the plan of care for each patient.  
   - Please be aware without this direct communication, a delay may occur in therapists viewing of orders

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