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**.
      o Choose the appropriate wean: **PSV Wean, FiO2 Wean** or **PEEP Wean.**
      o These orders can be modified once these orders have been entered
   ➢ Additional orders that require entry are:
      o Trach collar trials with frequency and duration,
      o extubation to a desired FiO2
      o 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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