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	<b>Oxygen Therapy</b>		

**PURPOSE:**

To administer oxygen therapy for acute and chronic hypoxia.

**PROCEDURE:**

- A. An assessment will be done on any resident who may have a sudden decrease in pulmonary function, consequently causing them to have increased oxygen requirements.
  - 1. Auscultate lung sounds.
  - 2. Obtain SAO<sub>2</sub> (Oxygen Saturation).
  - 3. Obtain vital signs and note quality of respirations.
  - 4. Note any change in mental status.
  - 5. Administer Oxygen if SAO<sub>2</sub> is below 90%, resident is dyspneic and/or has decreased mental status.
  - 6. Administer 2L/NC titrated to maintain SAO<sub>2</sub> level of 90%. Do not exceed 4L/NC without physician order.
  - 7. Take vital signs ½ hour and 1 hour after initiation of Oxygen.
  - 8. If resident’s condition deteriorates notify physician.