

Ventilator Troubleshooting Alarms
Skills Checklist

Child's Name: _____

Person Trained: _____ Position: _____ Instructor: _____

	Demo Date	Return Demonstration					
		Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date
A. States name and purpose of procedure.							
B. Steps:							
1. Identifies which alarm is sounding							
2. Checks child first, if LOW PRESSURE alarm sounds							
3. Removes child from ventilator and gives breaths with resuscitator bag							
4. Checks for leaks; if child is fine:							
a. Child disconnected							
b. Disconnected tubing							
c. Kinked tubing							
d. Punctured tubing							
e. Water in exhalation valve							
f. Hole in exhalation valve							
g. Loose fitting heater humidifier							
h. Accidental change in ventilator settings							
5. Tests system after leak is found							
6. Places child back on ventilator							
7. Checks child first if a HIGH PRESSURE alarm sounds							
8. Checks activity of child:							
a. Coughing							
b. Sneezing							
c. Talking							
d. Laughing							
e. Crying							
f. Hiccups							
g. Body position							
h. Breath holding							
9. Suctions, if needed							
10. Changes trach tube, if needed							
11. Removes child from ventilator and gives breaths with resuscitator bag							
12. Checks ventilator for obstructions, if child is okay:							
a. Kinks in tubing							
b. Water in tubing							
c. Blocked exhalation valve							
d. Accidental change in ventilator settings							

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13. Places child back on ventilator once problem is solved							
14. Checks below if POWER SOURCE alarm:							
a. AC power							
b. Internal battery							
c. External battery							
15. Removes child from ventilator if all 3 systems fail and gives breaths with resuscitator bag							

Checklist content approved by:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date