



**PRAIRIE NORTH REGIONAL
HEALTH AUTHORITY**

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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PROCEDURE

Professional nursing staff is responsible to monitor and document the oxygen tank levels of each oxygen tank when being utilized by a resident receiving oxygen therapy by oxygen tank.

The following shall be monitored and documented in the nursing notes:

- Time at which the oxygen tank was initiated.
- The flow rate and delivery method of oxygen – i.e. mask, nasal prongs.
- Anticipated time the oxygen tank may require changing.
- Every four hours document the approximate amount of oxygen remaining in the oxygen tank.
- If oxygen is changed, document the time.
- Time that the appropriate personnel have been contacted to change the oxygen tank.
- At shift change, the staff going off shift will provide in the shift change report to the shift coming on duty, time the oxygen tank was initiated and anticipated time of required tank change.

Documentation will be kept by the resident’s bedside indicating:

- Time oxygen tank initiated.
- Flow rate of the oxygen.
- Times oxygen checked during the shift.
- Anticipated time the oxygen tank may require changing.

Professional nursing staff shall monitor the resident receiving oxygen therapy at least every two hours and document in the nurse notes:

- Resident respirations
- Resident response to the oxygen therapy and toleration of the oxygen therapy.

The professional nursing staff will check the bedside document at the start of the shift as required during the shift to ensure that the resident is receiving the prescribed amount of oxygen.