The MDS & Respiratory Therapy

Respiratory therapy provided by nursing can be captured on the MDS.

MDS Item O0400D2

Respiratory Therapy—record the number of days respiratory therapy was administered at least 15 minutes per day in the last 7 days. Add up the minutes with each treatment session, does it total 15? Must be delivered by a nurse trained in respiratory therapy. This can be considered a daily skilled service.

Respiratory Treatments Provided by Nursing that May Be Captured on the MDS

Include minutes for assessment, treatment, monitoring (include time for set up of the equipment)

*Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP)
*Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)
*Chest Physiotherapy (CPT)
*Nebulizer Treatments (assess lungs before & after)
*Incentive Spirometry
*Pursed Lip Breathing
*Tracheostomy Care
*Nasopharyngeal or Nasotracheal Suction

Does NOT include hand held inhalers

Record the minutes utilized to perform assessment, treatment, and monitoring including the minutes used to set up and clean the equipment. Minutes **MUST** be recorded on the MAR. The progress notes should reflect the assessment and care provided. Only include time spent with the resident.