CPAP/BiPAP/Sleep Apnea/Oxygen Sat Checks

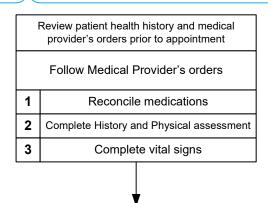


Policy

The Community Paramedic will respond to a residence on request from the medical provider and/or patient and follow guidelines outlined by the medical provider's orders for follow up on recently diagnosed and discharged or chronic sufferers of sleep apnea.

Purpose:

To assist the medical provider in observing and documenting recently diagnosed/chronic sufferers of obstructive sleep apnea through written and /or verbal communication to ensure proper ventilation of the Patient during sleep for the purpose of avoidance of long term OSA pathologic outcomes.



- Patient must be closely observed for hemodynamic instability the first 8 hours after starting CPAP/ BiPAP
- 2. Conduct assessment
 - * Necessary VS assessments including PO2 and ETCO2 and weight/BMI?
 - * Sleep habits (work nights? Irregular work schedule)
 - * Alcohol/recreational drug use? Prescription drug use? Compliant?
- 3. Quality of life Noticeable changes after usage.
- 4. Communicate with medical providers' office.
- 5. Troubleshoot if necessary including ensuring proper fit of mask and use of machine as well as general condition of machine.
- 6. Connect patient with necessary resources (Oxygen supply company, etc.)

