



**Connecticut Valley Hospital
Nursing Policy and Procedure**

**SECTION D: PSYCHOLOGICAL ADAPTATION
CHAPTER 13: BASIC NEEDS**

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE 13.6b Non-Emergency
Short-Term Oxygen Therapy**

Authorization:
Nursing Executive Committee

Date Effective: May 1, 2018
Scope: Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical
Nurses

Standard of Practice:

The licensed nurse will administer oxygen when an insufficient amount is available to blood, organs, or tissue.

Standard of Care:

The patient can expect to receive oxygen as needed in a safe manner by licensed nursing staff.

Policy:

Oxygen is administered by licensed nursing staff to patients requiring oxygen therapy.

Procedure:

- The Registered Nurse determines the need for oxygen therapy based on assessment. The type of O₂ tank used will be determined by the physician orders.
- Ambulatory Care Services (ACS) will be notified by faxing the physician orders to extension 5148. Orders shall include specific setting information.
- ACS will contact the oxygen vendor during normal business hours.
- Registered Nurse Supervisors (RNS) will contact the vendor during off shift, weekends and holidays.
- Vendor will deliver and set up equipment and instruct staff and patient on use of O₂ equipment.
- Tubing shall be labeled with date and time O₂ was initiated.
- Replace tubing, cannula and/or face mask every 48 hours when O₂ is used continuously.
- Replace tubing, cannula, and/or mask at least every 72 hours when used intermittently.
- Chart time O₂ was started, method at administration, liter flow, indication for use and patient response in the integrated progress notes of the medical record.
- Revise Nursing Plan of Care to include alteration in physical comfort and use of O₂.