

Tips For Documenting Airway Care

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http://www.atitesting.com/ati_next_gen/skillsmodules/content/airway-management/documentation.html?id=undefined

Documentation for airway management should include the following information specific to the procedure being performed and any other pertinent information. For all facets of airway management, be sure to document the patient's response and tolerance of the procedure as well as any patient and family teaching done.

Chest Physiotherapy (CPT)

- the date and time CPT was performed
- breath sounds, heart rate, and oxygen saturation before and after CPT
- the type and duration of CPT performed (postural drainage, percussion, vibration)
- the anatomical area where CPT was performed
- whether the patient was able to cough or required suctioning after CPT
- the amount, color, consistency, and odor of secretions produced

Endotracheal tube care

- the date and time of care
- the depth and position of the tube
- the appearance of the mouth, lips, and any other areas in contact with the tube, securing device, or tape

Nasopharyngeal airway

- the date and time the airway was inserted
- the reason the airway was inserted
- the size of the nasopharyngeal airway

Oropharyngeal airway

- the date and time the airway was inserted
- the reason the airway was inserted
- the size of the oropharyngeal airway

Suctioning

- the date, time, and frequency of suctioning
- breath sounds, heart rate, and oxygen saturation before and after suctioning
- pre-and post- suctioning hyperoxygenation
- the amount, color, consistency, and odor of secretions

Tracheostomy care

- the date and time of care
- respiratory assessment findings before and after care
- the appearance of the tracheostomy site and surrounding skin
- the type and size of the tracheostomy tube
- the amount, color, consistency, and odor of secretions