

Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) Safety Inspection Check

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INTRODUCTION:

Use of Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) can be quite common in the community, however, there are many different brands used by patients. If a patient with their own CPAP machine admits to the inpatient wards, there is no workflow to ensure that continuity of care is maintained.

AIM:

The aim is facilitate the ward nurses on the use of CPAP and conduct safety checks so that there is no delay in treatment

Methodology:

Nursing worked with Biomedical Engineering (BME) department to come up with a workflow to support patients after office hours. Training and guides was given to inpatient nurses on conducting safety inspection checks

During office hours: Nurses will inform BME to conduct CPAP machine physical inspection for all admission cases expect ICU admission.

After office hours: Nurses will conduct physical inspection of CPAP machine for all admission cases expect ICU admission using the checklist below



CPAP checklist

CHECKLIST FOR PATIENT'S PERSONAL CPAP/BIPAP MACHINE

Equipment Particulars
Brand: _____
Model: _____
Serial No.: _____
Patient ID: _____

| | Checks | Observations | Yes | No | Remarks |
|---|--|---|-----|----|--|
| Physical Inspection on Electrical Safety of Machine | Power plug | 1. Moulded plug. 2. No bent or broken pins, crack, and exposed wires. | | | |
| | Power cable | 1. No visible cut, exposed wires, and badly twisted cable. 2. Connection to power adapter is tightly fitted. | | | |
| | Power adapter (aka AC/DC adapter) | 1. Electrical rating input: must be "100-240Vac, 50/60Hz" or "220-240Vac, 50Hz". 2. No crack. 3. No abnormal sound while shaking gently. 4. Cable has no cut or exposed wires. 5. Connection to power cable is tightly fitted. | | | N.B: Singapore power rating: 220-240Vac, 50Hz |
| | 2-to-3 pins UK plastic adapter (only use for machine comes with 2-pins plug) | 1. No crack or broken plastic pins. 2. Able to fit well onto 2-pins plug to be connected into wall power outlet. | | | |
| Physical Inspection on Machine and Accessories | Chassis/Housing | 1. No visible sign machine is being dropped - e.g exterior casing is not dented, loose or mis-align cover, cracked or damaged. 2. No abnormal sound while shaking gently. 3. Power connection at machine is tightly fitted. | | | |
| | Hose/Tubing | 1. No puncture or torn hose. 2. Hose connector is not damaged. 3. Able to fit well onto CPAP machine. | | | |
| | Face/Nasal mask | 1. No torn or damage mask. 2. Elastic headband is not worn out. 3. Tubings and connectors is tightly fitted. | | | |
| | Adapters (where applicable) | 1. No crack or broken adapters. 2. Able to fit tightly to machine, tubing and mask. | | | |
| | Humidifier (where applicable) | 1. No crack, damage or broken humidifier chamber. | | | |

Checked by: _____

Date: _____

Results:

Nurses are trained to conduct the CPAP machine physical inspection through guiding checklist provide by BME.

Continuity of care is maintained

Conclusion:

This platform of reporting near misses provide accessibility and simplicity for nurses.