

	ONE2ONE POLICY			
	Title	Ventilator Management	Policy No	66
	Indicator	SM1 – High intensity daily personal activities	Review Date	8/11/23

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy sets out One2One’s principles for providing ventilator care to the consumers we support. This policy aims to ensure:

- evidenced-based standards of care are provided for safe and efficient management of mechanically ventilated consumers
- the needs, comfort and goals set for each consumer with a ventilator are met.
- every consumer requiring ventilator management receives appropriate support relevant and proportionate to their individual needs and the specific ventilator used.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

If supporting a consumer with a ventilator, staff should follow the consumers individual care plan for providing ventilator management. Additionally, staff providing this support will participate in the appropriate training for that consumer.

3. POLICY CONTENT

In accordance with a consumer’s individual care plan, staff are encouraged to:

- read and understand this policy before providing support to ventilated consumers
- complete all required competencies and training before providing support to ventilated consumers
- work within their scope of practice and qualifications
- wear appropriate PPE at all times
- respond immediately to an audible ventilator alarm and assess the consumer for respiratory distress or a disconnected ventilator
- follow any medical practitioner’s orders and ventilator setting change requests
- communicate medical practitioner’s orders promptly with other relevant team members
- keep clear and legible records on the use of and interaction with a consumer’s ventilator during shifts

When supervising staff supporting consumers with ventilators, One2One will also:

- ensure staff have current knowledge and a training plan to learn the standards of care for consumers that require mechanical ventilation
- ensure staff know how to seek emergency support
- ensure emergency airway equipment is available at all times including resuscitation bag and airway equipment
- regularly audit safe ventilator management practices

- ensure the ventilator maintenance schedule is monitored and followed up in accordance with the manufacturer
- document all ventilator-related interventions, assessments and care provided in an observation chart including any abnormal findings
- ensure there is a documented plan for assessment, management and review for each individual consumer using a ventilator.

4. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Infection Control Policy
- Medication Management Policy
- Waste Management Policy

5. POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed on a two-yearly basis. However, if at any time the legislative, policy or funding environment is so altered that the policy is no longer appropriate in its current form, the policy will be reviewed immediately and amended accordingly.

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