Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hospital \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Unit\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This assessment is typically performed every 6 months. Please answer the following questions regarding your intensive care unit (ICU).

1. For patients who are intubated/have a tracheostomy, how often do you change the ventilator circuit?

* Not routinely changed unless soiled or malfunctioning
* Routinely changed at regular interval; please specify in days \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. When used, how often do you change the closed endotracheal suction system?

* Not used in this ICU
* Not routinely changed unless soiled or malfunctioning
* Routinely changed at regular interval; please specify in days \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| 1. Does your ICU actively promote— | | | |
|  | **YES** | **NO** |
| 1. Use of noninvasive ventilation protocol? | ❒ | ❒ |
| 1. Early mobility protocol for patients receiving mechanical ventilation? | ❒ | ❒ |

|  |  | Almost All the Time | More Than 50% of the Time | Less Than 50% of the Time | Almost Never |
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|  | In the absence of a difficult airway, how often is an orotracheal route used for elective intubation in your ICU? | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ |
|  | For patients receiving mechanical ventilation via an endotracheal tube, how often is a closed endotracheal suction system used in your ICU? | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ |
|  | In your ICU, how often are patients placed with the head of bed elevated at least 30 degrees when there is no contraindication? | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ |
|  | In your ICU, how often are standard precautions used while suctioning the respiratory tract? | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ |
|  | In your ICU, how often do you take steps to ensure avoidance of gastric overdistention? | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ |
|  | In your ICU, how often is condensate drained away from the patient while the circuit remains closed? | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ |
|  | In your ICU, how often do health care providers perform hand hygiene before contact with respiratory equipment? | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ |
|  | In your ICU, how often is an early mobility protocol used for patients receiving mechanical ventilation? | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ |

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| 1. Regarding your written ICU, nursing, and/or respiratory therapy policies and procedures concerning patients receiving mechanical ventilation, is there guidance to— | | | |
|  |  | **YES** | **NO** |
|  | 1. Avoid supine (flat) patient positioning unless clinically indicated (i.e., hemodynamic instability, orthopedic injury, etc.)? | ❒ | ❒ |
|  | 1. Use standard precautions while suctioning the respiratory tract secretions? | ❒ | ❒ |
|  | 1. Avoid nonessential tracheal suctioning? | ❒ | ❒ |
|  | 1. Avoid gastric overdistention? | ❒ | ❒ |
|  | 1. Periodically remove condensate from circuits? | ❒ | ❒ |
|  | 1. Ensure that circuits are closed during removal of condensate to assure that condensate doesn’t drain toward the patient? | ❒ | ❒ |
|  | 1. Perform hand hygiene before contact with respiratory equipment? | ❒ | ❒ |

Consult the [Daily Care Processes Guide for Reducing Ventilator-Associated Events in Mechanically Ventilated Patients](https://www.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/wysiwyg/professionals/quality-patient-safety/hais/tools/mvp/modules/technical/daily-care-processes-guide.docx) and the [Early Mobility Guide for Reducing Ventilator-Associated Events in Mechanically Ventilated Patients](https://www.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/wysiwyg/professionals/quality-patient-safety/hais/tools/mvp/modules/technical/early-mobility-mvpguide.docx) for more information and references on the evidence-based technical interventions for the AHRQ Safety Program for Mechanically Ventilated Patients.

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