

Megan O'Connell

Respiratory Therapist

Respiratory Therapist with 4 years of respiratory care in adult ICU, emergency and pulmonary rehab settings at Pittsburgh hospitals. Manages mechanical ventilation, BiPAP and CPAP, delivers oxygen therapy and chest physiotherapy, and works independently on night shift as the sole therapist for 2 units. Holds the RRT credential and a Pennsylvania license.

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Experience

Respiratory Therapist

03/2024 - Present

Three Rivers University Hospital

Pittsburgh, PA

Academic medical center with 700 beds and 4 adult ICUs.

- Handle ventilator management for **8** ICU patients a shift, adjusting settings with intensivists during daily rounds.
- Started BiPAP and CPAP on 25 emergency patients a month, helping cut COPD intubations on the unit by 15%.
- Performed airway management during 70 intubations and 40 codes as the respiratory member of the response team.
- Precepted 6 respiratory therapy students from 2 local programs through their ICU rotations.

Respiratory Therapist

07/2022 - 02/2024

Riverside Ridge Hospital

Monroeville, PA

Community hospital with 260 beds and a pulmonary rehabilitation program.

- Delivered oxygen therapy, aerosol therapy and chest physiotherapy to **16** floor patients a shift.
- Performed 220 pulmonary function tests and 6-minute walk tests for the outpatient pulmonary clinic.
- Led 3 weekly pulmonary rehab classes, teaching inhaler technique and breathing exercises to COPD patients.
- Covered 2 units as the only overnight therapist, using critical thinking to triage rapid responses and treatments.

Patient Care Technician

08/2020 - 06/2022

Penn Hills Medical Center

Pittsburgh, PA

Part-time role while in respiratory therapy school.

- Measured vital signs and SpO2 for **20** patients a shift.
- Set up oxygen equipment for 6 to 8 patients a shift and alerted nurses to breathing changes.
- Charted intake, output and mobility in the electronic record.

Certificates

Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT)

06/2022

National Board for Respiratory Care

Respiratory Care Practitioner License

07/2022

Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine

BLS and ACLS Provider

02/2025

American Heart Association

Skills

Respiratory Care

Mechanical Ventilation

Ventilator Management

Oxygen Therapy

Airway Management

BiPAP

CPAP

Chest Physiotherapy

Pulmonary Function Testing

Critical Thinking

Education

Associate of Applied Science

05/2022

Community College of Allegheny County
Pittsburgh, PA
Respiratory Therapy