

ICE Breaker

RESPIRATORY ISSUES IN ACUTE CARE



This ICE Breaker is designed to supplement your lecture on treating the client with respiratory issues and/or collaborating with the respiratory therapist in acute care.



Watch

Assign this video for students to watch before, during, or after class: **Ventilator Part 1: Breathing and Suctioning with Respiratory Therapy, Part 1**. In this 3.5 minute video, the respiratory therapist performs a breathing treatment and suction through the ventilator. This 67-year-old patient is a resident of this skilled nursing facility and has a long standing history of COPD requiring the use of a ventilator.



Practice

Challenge students to practice interacting (e.g., interview, transfer, engage in ADL) with clients who are connected to a ventilator.



Discuss

Stimulate small or large group discussions with questions, such as:

1. In what ways can the clinician (OT or PT) collaborate with the respiratory therapist to improve the quality of patient care?
2. How can the clinician communicate with the client who has a tracheostomy tube?
3. How can the clinician work with this client to improve functional independence?



Supplement

Consider using [the corresponding ICE Lesson Plan](#) which includes learning objectives meeting ACOTE/CAPTE standards and specific creative learning activities.



Watch more!

Watch more videos on this topic by searching the ICE Video Library for these titles.

- **Medical Management: Introduction to ICU Equipment, Part 2**
- **Ventilator Part 2: Self Care at Edge of Bed**