

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
RESPIRATORY CARE SERVICES - ADULT
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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VERSION: 1**

SUBJECT/TITLE: DEFINITION OF TREATMENT FREQUENCIES

POLICY: This following frequency definitions will be followed when delivering respiratory care.

PURPOSE: To standardize the definition of frequencies ordered.

DEPARTMENTS: RESPIRATORY CARE SERVICES

- PROCEDURE:**
1. **BID:** Treatments are generally to be given in the morning and evening.
 2. **TID:** Treatments are to be given at normal interval three times a day.
 3. **QID:** Treatments are to be given at normal intervals four times a day.
 4. **Q4:** Treatments are to be given every four hours around the clock.
 5. **Q20 min to Q3 hours:** This treatment frequency is given in the presence of severe respiratory distress. Due to physical and emotional strain placed on the patient by these frequencies, they are generally given for short periods of time. Patients who require treatments Q20 min to Q2 hours will be assessed within four hours to re-evaluate the need for therapy..
 6. **Q4 PRN:** Patients will be thoroughly assessed when first ordered and treatment/s to be given every four hours only if necessary.
 7. **PRN:** Patients will be thoroughly assessed when first ordered and treatment/s to be given only if necessary based on the patient's clinical status. All PRN orders need to have an associated frequency.
 8. **W/A:** Treatments to be given between the hours of 0600 and 2200. If the patient requires treatment during the sleeping hours, the **while awake** designation extends the treatment schedule. The while awake designation is intended to allow the patient an uninterrupted period of sleep or rest. The extension of the treatment schedule is based on the patient's respiratory status, not his level of consciousness (e.g.: a patient who stays up late to read or watch TV does not necessarily require additional therapy)

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