

8-hour Educational Block of Care on the Pediatric Ventilator Unit

What is an 8-hour educational block of care?

The purpose of the 8-hour educational block of care is to provide caregivers with an opportunity to receive education in the day-to-day cares of their child.

What are staff expected to do? (Registered Nurses and Respiratory Therapists):

- Instruct and include caregivers in all care and medication administration.
- Take vital signs, document intake and output, emergency checks, and all usual charting.
- Document a note regarding caregiver's participation in all care.

What are caregivers expected to do?

There will be three 8-hour blocks of care.

- Each caregiver must participate in at least one.
 - One of the blocks of care will be overnight after the ventilator education.
- One caregiver must be at the bedside, awake, alert and attentive for the full 8 hours.
- Caregivers must be engaged and active in all care and medication administration.
- Caregivers learn how to assess and respond to alarms.
- This is an opportunity to ask lots of questions, gain experience and confidence in your child's care.

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