

## **8-Hour Educational Block of Care on the Pediatric Ventilator Unit**

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### **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 everyday care of their child.

### **What are staff (registered nurses and respiratory therapists) expected to do?**

- Instruct and include caregivers in all activities related to providing their child care and medication.
- Take vital signs, document food and fluid intake and output, emergency checks, and all usual charting (recording information on the patient's medical chart).
- Write a note about the caregiver's participation in all of their child's care.

### **What are caregivers expected to do?**

There will be three 8-hour blocks of care.

- Each caregiver must participate in at least 1 block of care.
  - 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 activities.
- Caregivers will learn how to assess and respond to alarms.
- This is an opportunity to ask lots of questions and gain experience and confidence in your child's care.

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