

Welcome to 12 West Pediatric Ventilator Unit

What types of patients do you care for on 12 West (12W)?

We care for children from birth to 21 years old who have a wide range of needs and specialists involved. Our diverse knowledge helps us care for the complex medical needs of children with ventilators. The Intensive Care Units (ICUs) and 12W are the only Mott Children's Hospital units with the equipment to care for ventilator patients.

What are the differences between the ICU and 12W Pediatric Vent Unit (PVU)?

We work on helping your family prepare for life outside of the hospital. We focus on education and giving you the tools and confidence to go home safely. In order to do this, we require you to be at the bedside engaged in learning your child's complex needs. We encourage your family to have ownership over your child's care. Our focus is **stable care** - keeping patients growing and thriving. We encourage family visitors to come often to give love and age appropriate play. We have bathrooms with a shower in the patient rooms that families are welcome to use.

I feel safe in the ICU. How will you keep my child safe in the PVU?

- The number of patients each nurse cares for is similar to the ICU. On most days the nurse caring for you has 2 ventilator patients for their entire shift.
- We have the same alarms and monitors that the ICUs have. Our nurses and Respiratory Therapist (RT) quickly respond to any call lights or alarms.
- There is a respiratory therapist assigned to the ventilator area.

- In addition to your nurse, we also have our in-charge Registered Nurse (RN), ventilator Nurse Practitioners (NPs), and technicians all close by to assist with any needs.

How will I communicate with our care team?

Our team has specialists for your child's unique care including:

- Respiratory therapists
- Nurses
- Dietitians
- Social workers
- Doctors
- Nurse practitioners
- Child life specialists

The vent team “rounds” daily at 9am at the bedside and families are encouraged to participate. **Rounds** are when the team gathers to discuss your care for the day. On Tuesdays at 9am, we do larger group rounds in a conference room, so the doctor and nurse practitioner will stop by later in the day with updates.

Nurse practitioners are available for questions or concerns 7 days a week during the day. You will have fast access to your bedside nurse 24 hours a day either at the bedside or via phone. Call the 12W desk at (734) 764-7112 and ask for your child's nurse.

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