

Lung Expansion & Airway Clearance

Our Easiest Path Past the Fork in the Road

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Remember This?



The Light Needs To Come On

- Change Our Mindset from **Reactive To Proactive**
- Why Do We have To Wait Until They Get “**Sick**” To Get Busy?
- **All ICU Patients Need To Receive Lung Expansion/Secretion Clearance Therapy From Admission To Discharge Via Protocol**
- “**At Risk**” Patients On The Floors Need To Receive Lung Expansion/Secretion Clearance Therapy Via Protocol

There's a Whole New Wave Of Patients On The Way.
Who Are They?

The Baby Boomers!!

(the class of 46-64)

aka: The Silver Tsunami

69,500,000 Americans Eligible To Retire In The Next 6 Years

Changing Tradition

Surgical Patients: Aggressive & Proactive

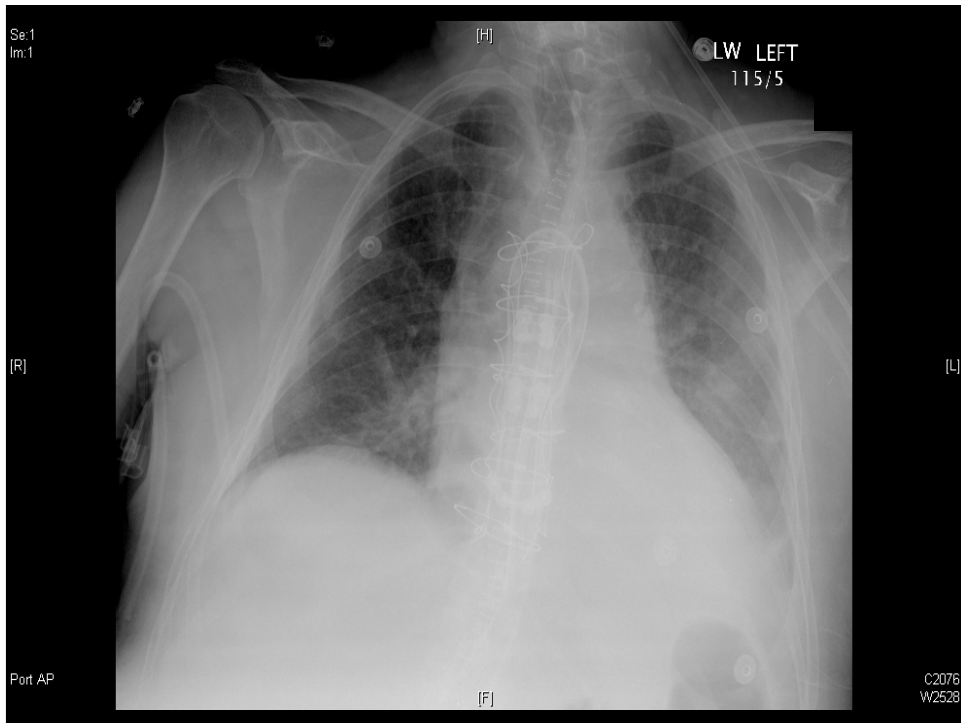
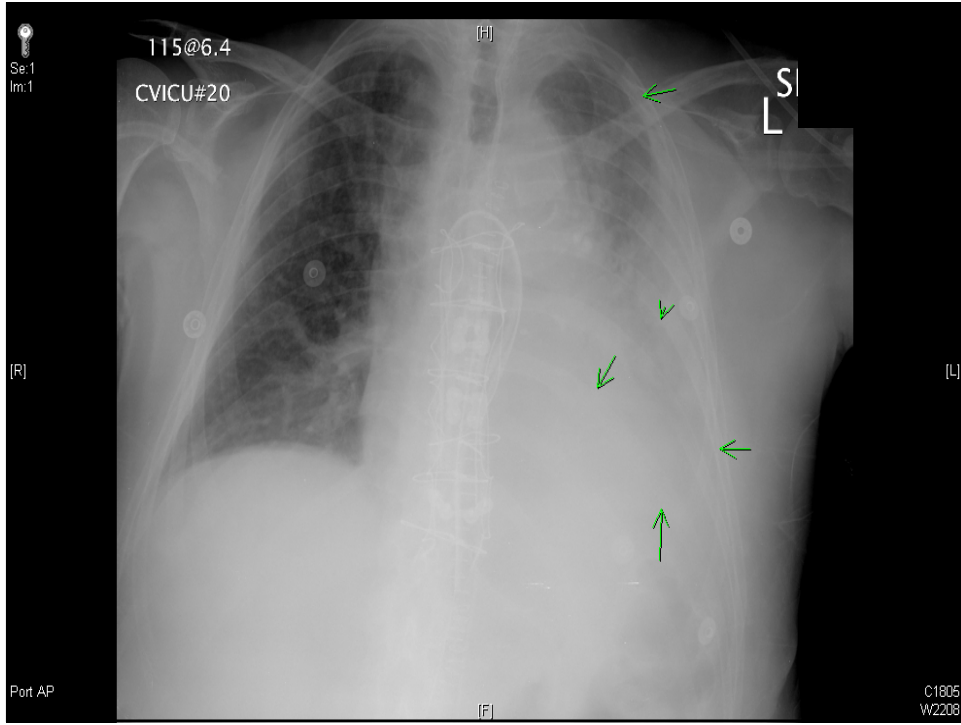
(90% Of All Surgical Patients Get Atelectasis)

Medicine Patients: Aggressive & More Effective

(COPD Goes On The 30 Day Readmission Penalties List in 180 Days)

Thinking Outside Of The Box





Redefine Oxygen Therapy

Transitioning From "The Chase"

Go From This:



To This:



Positive Pressure & Vibratory Therapy





The Role Of RT's In Organ Procurement
An Opportunity Just Waiting For Us

Additional Opportunities

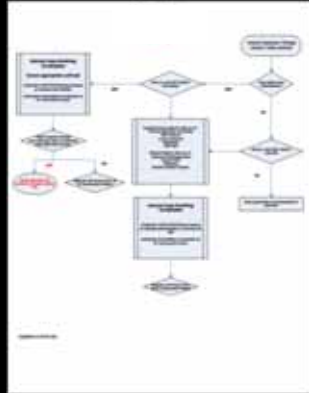


When To Use What:

- We need to have **organized approaches** to Lung Expansion and Secretion Clearance
- Lots of Choices
- Requires **total commitment** on the part of the physicians, the RT staff, and our nursing partners
- How best to make the right choices?

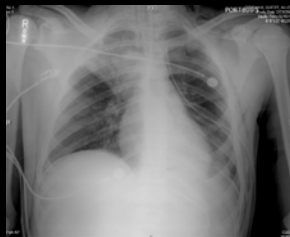
Protocols , Algorithms, and Smarts

- Have Well Thought Out Protocols & Algorithms In Place
 - Every RT, Every Patient, Every Shift, Every Day



This Is Our Past & Our Present

It Will Not Be The Mainstay Of Our Future



Almost Done, But First:

**If You Need Still More Convincing
That The Time For Change Is Now....**

**Michigan Recommends Deregulating Respiratory Therapy,
Eliminating Respiratory Board**

St. Vincent Health In Indianapolis Cuts About 865 Jobs

The Hospital of Central Connecticut Eliminates 100 Positions

Waterbury Hospital in Connecticut Cuts 83 Jobs

Sierra View District Hospital In California Lays Off 49

Ozarks Medical Center In Missouri Lays Off 32

Jackson Memorial In Florida Lays Off Over 1,000 Workers

Grinnell Regional Medical Center In Iowa Eliminates 41 Positions

Duke Raleigh Hospital In North Carolina Lays Off 27 Employees

Eastern Maine Med. Center Outsources Laundry Services, Cuts 16 Jobs

Doctors' Hospital of Michigan Braces for Layoffs

Who & Where Is Next?

Is Any Of This Easy?

Of Course Not: This Is Hard Work

It Is Supposed To Be Hard Work

If It Wasn't Hard Work, Anyone Could Do It

The Question Is:

Are We Going To Step Up, Strap It On And Take Us To Where We Should Have Always Been?

Worth Repeating:

The Most Expensive Words In Medicine Are:

“But, That’s The Way We’ve Always Done It”

Questions?



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