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Respiratory Therapist Licensing Board

Position Statement

Athletic Trainers

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Technicians

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Direct Entry
Midwives

Electrologists

Environmental
Health Specialists

Facial Technicians

Hair Designers

Hearing Aid
Specialists

Nail Technicians

Permanent Color
Technicians

Respiratory
Therapists

Tattoo Artists

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Specialists

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Electrologists,
Permanent Color
Technicians & Tattoo
Artists

Administration of Pharmacological, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Agents by Respiratory Therapists

The Respiratory Therapist Licensing Board (RTLTB) has adopted the following position statement regarding the administration of pharmacological, diagnostic and therapeutic agents by licensed respiratory therapists in the care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities associated with the cardiopulmonary system.

The RTLTB believes that the administration of these various agents, or medications, falls within the scope of practice of licensed respiratory therapists: it is consistent with treatment, disease prevention, pulmonary rehabilitative or diagnostic regimens prescribed by a physician or medical director.

Respiratory therapists who administer such agents should complete approved training from recognized sponsors and receive a certificate of competency to document their qualifications for administering the agents. Acceptable training should include a review of drug actions, side effects, contraindications and potential interactions. Respiratory therapists must be able to provide documentation of the sponsor, content, hours and competency received from such related training. Refer to OAR 331-720-0010.

As described in Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 688.805(6), the practice of respiratory care may be performed in any clinic, hospital, skilled nursing facility, private dwelling or other place considered appropriate or necessary by the Respiratory Therapist Licensing Board in accordance with the prescription or verbal order of a physician and shall be performed under a qualified medical director.

The Respiratory Therapist Licensing Board adopted this position statement on May 12, 2005.