



Lorenzo Watanabe

Lead Respiratory Therapist

Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) and Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Care Specialty (RRT-NPS) credential holder with 12 years of experience across ICU, step-down, and medical-surgical settings. Raised RT order accuracy from 81.4% to 97.9% by redesigning the order verification workflow in Epic EMR and adding a dual-check step before therapy initiation, while shortening new staff onboarding from 32 days to 19 days through structured competency checklists.

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EDUCATION

Associate in Applied Science,
Respiratory Therapist
Illinois Central College, Peoria, IL
2012 - 2014

KEY SKILLS

- Mechanical Ventilator Management
- ABG Analysis
- Pulmonary Function Testing
- Epic EMR
- Cerner EMR
- BiPAP/CPAP Therapy
- Airway Management
- Staff Competency Evaluation
- ATS Standards
- Joint Commission Readiness
- Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Care

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Respiratory Therapist | Spoon River Community Hospital, Galesburg, IL
2019 - Present

- Raised RT order accuracy from 81.4% to 97.9% by redesigning the order verification workflow in Epic EMR and adding a dual-check step before therapy initiation.
- Shortened new staff onboarding from 32 days to 19 days by creating a structured competency checklist covering ventilator management, ABG interpretation, and airway clearance techniques for 14 hires.
- Contributed to an overall HCAHPS rating of 89 by leading a bedside communication initiative across the respiratory team, including scripted patient education on treatment goals.
- Relayed arterial blood gas results to attending physicians within 6 minutes of collection, coordinating care adjustments for 21 patients per shift across a 30-bed ICU and step-down unit.
- Demonstrated respiratory care procedures to 4 clinical rotation students per semester, evaluating competency on mechanical ventilator setup and pulse oximeter calibration.

Senior Respiratory Therapist | Knox Prairie Medical Center, Monmouth, IL
2016 - 2019

- Reduced new hire orientation time by 8 days by pairing trainees with senior mentors and replacing lecture modules with hands-on simulation labs using BiPAP/CPAP devices and bag-mask ventilators.
- Made emergency visits to resolve ventilator alarms and equipment issues during off-hours, restoring function within 25 minutes for 37 incidents over 3 years.
- Documented therapy notes for 18 patients per shift in Cerner EMR, maintaining a charting completion rate of 98.6% within 40 minutes of each encounter.

Respiratory Therapist | Prairie Bluff Regional Medical Center, Macomb, IL
2014 - 2016

- Supported an HCAHPS improvement effort that moved the unit overall score from 83 to 91 by standardizing pre-treatment explanations and post-treatment follow-up calls.
- Performed ABG draws using an arterial blood gas analyzer and relayed results to physicians for 17 patients per shift across a 26-bed medical-surgical floor.
- Operated nebulizers, pulse oximeters, and 12-lead EKG machines during rapid-response events, ensuring all equipment was staged and functional within 3 minutes of activation.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Registered Respiratory Therapist, National Board for Respiratory Care | 2016

- Certified Respiratory Therapist, National Board for Respiratory Care | 2014
- Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Care Specialty, National Board for Respiratory Care | 2018
- Respiratory Therapist License, Illinois, State of Illinois | 2014
- Basic Life Support, American Heart Association | 2025