

Oxygen Prescribing at MPH

Warning: Is Oxygen Prescribed?

Oxygen is a drug and has the potential to cause significant harm.

Oxygen Must be prescribed except in an Emergency situation.

Do not administer oxygen in the stable patient without a valid prescription.

Before Giving Oxygen;

1. Check that Oxygen is prescribed.
2. Check the indication for Oxygen is still present.
3. Check for Hypercapnia risk factors.
4. Check target saturations.
5. Document when Oxygen has been given, at what rate and through which delivery system.

Hypercapnia Risk Factors:

(Target Sats 88-92%)

1. COPD
2. Obesity
3. Chest Wall Deformity
4. Neuromuscular disease.



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