From the Office of Clinical Informatics Mercy – Respiratory Therapy Tasking and Charge Updates

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Documentation in Activity View which is linked to tasking in the Multipatient Task List (MPTL) and CareCompass has been updated to be more inclusive, allowing the Respiratory Therapist to complete documentation from the task. Several Yes responses in iView that would open a charge documentation have been removed, decreasing the clicks. Charge documentation has been updated to increase the standardization of charges between all the Member Organizations. As it is today, all the Respiratory Therapy charges are seen but this does not mean the charges are mapped on the backend to every Member Organization.

# **Changes to Charge Documentation**

Charges that are new to Mercy, updated, renamed, or removed are seen below.

- RT CHARGE Inhalation TRMNT NEW Charge
  - RT CHARGE Inhalation TRMNT replaces RT CHARGE MDI and RT CHARGE Neb.
    - **Neb/MDI/DPI** use this charge when inhalation treatment is given with either of these methods.
      - They share the same charge code.
    - **Continuous 1**<sup>st</sup> **Hour** use this charge for the first hour of a continuous Neb.
    - Continuous EA ADDL HR Medicare allows for up to four additional hours to be charged for a continuous Neb and the number of hours this is used should still be documented in the charge.
    - Home device Instruct/Eval use this charge when evaluating or instructing a patient with a device that is or will be used at home.
    - **Pentamidine/Nebupent Neb** Mercy does not use this charge.
- **RT CHARGE Surfactant Admin NEW Charge** 
  - Use this charge and documentation when surfactant is administered.
  - **RT CHARGE Surfactant Admin** is located in the **Early Lung Recruitment** section.
- > RT CHARGE Non-Invasive NEW Charge
  - **BiPAP** and **CPAP Initial** and **Subsequent** share the same charge code.
  - Select **BiPAP/CPAP** when the patient has been placed on BiPAP or CPAP.

RT CHARGE Surfactant Admin		Yes
Surfactant Administration Units	Minutes	$\diamond$
ETT Position Confirmation		$\diamond$
Interventions Applied		$\diamond$
Patient Tolerance		$\diamond$
O Surfactant Administration Response		0

RT CHARGE Non-Invasive	<
KI CHARGE NUTI-ITVASIVE	^
RIDAD/CDAD	
BIPAP/CPAP	

RT CHARGE Inhalation TRMNT Neb/MDI/DPI Continuous 1st Hour Continuous EA ADDL HR Home Device Instruct/Eval Pentamidine/Nebupent Neb



#### RT CHARGE Delivery Attendance – NEW Charge

- Located in **Respiratory Therapy Time/Equipment**.
- Attended Mercy has been added to this charge.
- This charge should be used if the Respiratory Therapist assists with a newborn resuscitation including CPR.

# **<u>NOTE</u>**: RT CHARGE Delivery Attendance cannot be charged by RT if being charged by Women's Health as they use the same charge code.

#### RT CHARGE Intubation or Assist – NEW Charge

- Mercy has been added to this charge.
- This charge should be used if intubating or assisting with an intubation.

#### RT CHARGE Vital Capacity – NEW Charge

- Located in **Invasive Ventilation** under **Spontaneous Parameters**.
- Documentation of **Vital Capacity** will open this charge field.
- **RT CHARGE Oximetry Updated and NEW Charge** 
  - Initial has been removed as it has the same charge code as Spot check.
  - Mercy is able to charge for **Spot Check** pulse oximetry reading.
  - **Overnight** is used for continuous pulse oximetry.

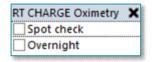
## RT CHARGE Sputum Collection – Renamed RT CHARGE Sputum Induction

- Induction (EMMC) and Collection (Mercy) these options have been replaced with Yes and No.
- Mercy will use **Yes** to charge for a sputum collection obtained through aerosol therapy.
- Respiratory Therapy can only charge for a sputum collection if it is induced.

#### > RT CHARGE Ventilators Mercy – Renamed

- Mercy has been removed from the title allowing other Member Organizations to use this charge field.
- **Initial** use this when setting up the ventilator.
- Subsequent use this each subsequent day the patient is on the ventilator after the first day.

⊿ Spontaneous Parameters		
Respiratory Rate	br/min	
Minute Volume	L/min	
Tidal Volume	mL	
Vital Capacity	L	2
C RT CHARGE Vital Capacity		$\diamond$
Negative Inspiratory Pressure	cmH20	



RT CHARGE Sputum Induction	X
Yes	
No	

RT CHARGE Ventilator	X
Initial	
Subsequent	

RT CHARGE Intubation or Assist: 🗙 Yes

RT CHARGE Delivery Attendance

Attended

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# **<u>NOTE</u>**: Vent Transport, Vent Circuit, and Vent Weaning have been removed because they were either statistical charges, had been inactivated, or there is no CPT code (charge code) for the activity.

#### > RT CHARGE CPR – Updated

- **Performed** is selected if the Respiratory Therapy participates in CPR.
- Ambu bag has been removed as it is no longer a chargeable item.
- > RT CHARGE Bronchoscopy Updated
  - Mercy can use all the Bronchoscopy charges except for **Initial** and **Subsequent** which are **NOT** charged by Mercy.
  - The following Bronchoscopy charges were **removed** due to non-use:
    - Bronch w/Bx
    - Bronch Diagnostic
    - Bronch/Needle aspiration
    - Bronch EBUS sampling ½ node
    - Bronch lung Bx each FAC
    - Bronch w trans needle ASP
    - Bronch w trans BX
- > RT Charge Mercy Hemodynamic Monitoring Updated
  - Swan and Cardiac Output have been removed for non-use.
  - Arterial cath charge has been removed from RT CHARGE
    Hemodynamic Monitoring and can found in the Arterial Line dynamic
- > RT CHARGE Arterial Cath Placed New Location
  - **RT CHARGE Arterial Cath Placed** is located within the **Arterial Line** dynamic group and opens when **Insert** is documented within **Activity**.
- > RT CHARGE Peakflow Meter Updated
  - **Yes** response has been removed as the Expiratory flow rate meter handheld cannot be separately reimbursed.
  - Eval of wheezing Mercy renamed Eval of wheezing to allow other Member Organizations to document this charge.

RT CHARGE CPR X

RT CHARGE Bronchoscopy	×
DX Bronch w/wo cell washings	
Bronch brush	
Bronch w/ alveolar lavage	
Bronch w/ SGL/Multi BX	
Bronch w/ TB SGL Lobe Lung BX	
Bronch w/ T-bronch NDL ASP BXs	
Initial	
Subsequent	
Laryngoscopy flex - diagnostic	

nic group.		

RT CHARGE Hemodynamic Monitoring

CVP Line

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RT CHARGE Pe	akflow Met	er 🗙

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• Use this charge for the evaluation of bronchodilation responsiveness when spirometry is used pre and post bronchodilator.

#### > RT CHARGE Education 30 Min Mercy – Renamed

• Mercy has been removed from the title to allow EMMC to use this charge.

Δ	Respiratory Education				
	RT CHARGE Education 30 Min		RT CHARGE	Education 30 Min	×
	<b>RT CHARGE Change Behavior Sm</b>	oking	Yes		

• Located in the **Respiratory Education** section.

#### RT CHARGE Heart Cath Replaces:

- RT CHARGE HC CAR OUTP Meas DRG Cath CHD
- RTCHARGE HC insert/place heart catheter
- RT CHARGE HC Right Heart Cath O2Sat/CO
- **RT CHARGE Trach Supplies Updated** 
  - **Passy Muir Valve** Mercy has been added to this charge.
  - The following options have been removed as they are inactivated charges or items that are no longer charged:
    - Trach Shiley w/cannula (BHH)
    - Ambu bag (inactive)
    - Tracheostomy plug (non-chargeable item)
    - Specialty trach tube (non-chargeable item)

#### > RT CHARGE Chest Physiotherapy – Updated

- **CPT Initial** is used for the first chest physiotherapy treatment.
- **CPT Subsequent** is used for additional chest physiotherapy treatments.
- RT CHARGE Assessment Removed
  - This charge has been **removed** from the **Respiratory Description/Assessment** section as it was linked to a charge for evaluation of patient use of an inhaler, and this is charged elsewhere.
  - A charge code is not available for a Respiratory Assessment.
- > RT CHARGE Incentive Spirometry Removed
  - This charge has been removed as it is no longer a chargeable item.

RT CHARGE Heart Cath
CAR OUTP Meas Drg Cath CHD
Insert/place heart catheter
Right Heart Cath O2Sat/CO

RT CHARGE		Supplies:	X
Passy muir v	valve		

RT CHARGE Chest Physiotherapy	X
CPT initial	
CPT subsequent	
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#### RT CHARGE Oxygen Therapy – Removed

• Oxygen is no longer a chargeable item.

#### > RT CHARGE MDI and RT CHARGE Neb – Removed

- The charges located under **RT CHARGE MDI** and **RT CHARGE Neb** either shared a charge code, did not have a charge code associated with them, or were nonchargeable items.
- **RT CHARGE Inhalation TRMNT** replaces both these charges.

#### RT Statistical Charges – Removed

- These documentation fields have been removed as there is no longer a report available to track these nonmonetary statistical charges.
- Document in **Respiratory Therapy Time/Equipment:** 
  - Bedside procedure in Procedure Time
  - Vent Transport in Transportation Support Method
  - Request for service in RT Supplemental Support
- Document **Incentive Spirometer** in the **Incentive Spirometry** section.
- Use **RT CHARGE Nasotracheal Suctioning** when this procedure is performed.
- Document Trach Care in the Tracheostomy dynamic group found in Airway Management.

## **RT/Pulmonary Charges**

- The RT/Pulmonary Charges form has had charges removed that are no longer chargeable items, have been inactivated due to non-use, or are being charged in a different location.
  - **RT CHARGE Oximetry** should be charged in the **Respiratory Therapy iView band** in the **O2 Therapy/Titration** section.
- > NEW TASK Smoking Cessation Consult
  - When the **INP Smoking Cessation Consult order** is placed, a task will fire to the **MPLT** and **Care Compass** at SVH.

Multi-Patient Task List			X Activity View	
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			Breath Sounds Assessment	RT CHARGE Education So with RT CHARGE Change Behavior Smoking Ed-Risks/Benefits of Smoking Cessation
			RT Education - Smoking Cessation Ed-Second Hand Smoke	
All Patients	Location/Room/Bed	lame Task Descriptio	on Task Status Scheduled Date and Time	Ed-Smoking Cessation
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# **Activity View Updates**

- Documenting a task from Respiratory Therapy Multipatient Task List (MPTL) or CareCompass opens Activity View.
- The documentation available in Activity View has been carefully reviewed by RT Managers/Directors and updated to include what should be all the information needed to complete the documentation for the task without the need to also go to the Respiratory Therapy iView band to complete it.
- > The section order of the documentation has been updated to match the Respiratory Therapy band in iView.
- Some documentation field names in iView have been updated to match what is in Activity View.