How an Early Activity and Mobility Protocol for Mechanical Vent Patients Can be Beneficial in Rural Hospital Settings

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Learning Objectives

- At the end of this course, clinicians/students will be able to:
 - Summarize crucial elements of an early activity and mobility protocol (EAMP).
 - Apply EAMP concepts to clinical reasoning among acute care patients.
 - Effectively scribe and document notes to be submitted to patients' charts.
 - Understand and be able to articulate common steps/ procedures that are necessary to develop and implement an early activity and mobility protocol among a multi-disciplinary team.



Introduction

- Dacy Thomasson
 - OT for almost 4 years acute care/inpatient rehab settings
 - Tennessee State graduate December 2019
 - Will graduate from University of Missouri December 2023



Introduction

- Goals for this course include:
 - Better understanding of acute care, especially ICU
 - Importance of working with mechanical vent patients
 - How to be effective clinicians in the hospital setting



Introduction

Please feel free to ask questions at any time!







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Intubation

- Typically performed by a respiratory therapist or physician
- On average, days spent on the ventilator range from 1-4 days (Perkins, 2018).
- However, can last longer for more complex cases (Tipping, 2017).



Common Causes for Intubation

- Respiratory failure
 - ARDS
 - Asthma
 - COPD
 - Cardiac arrest
 - Overdose
 - Pneumonia
 - Sepsis
 - Spinal cord injury (polio, ALS, myasthenia gravis)

(National, 2021)



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- When sedated and intubated on a ventilator, muscle wasting happens quickly.
- Fazzini et al (2023) completed systematic review on muscle wasting during critical illness.
 - 33 studies included



- Fazzini et al (2023) Systematic Review
 - On average, patients lost <u>daily</u>:
 - 1.75% of rectus femoris thickness
 - 2.10% of rectus femoris cross-sectional area
 - 1.82% of quadriceps thickness
 - 1.64% biceps brachii thickness
 - 2.23% of biceps brachii cross sectional area



- Fazzini et al (2023) Systematic Review
 - Four studies highlighted total skeletal muscle mass loss:
 - One study → 21.9 cm of muscle mass loss in the abdominal region, which translates to 15% muscle mass loss in one week according to lumbar CT scans.
 - Another study → 2.09 cm of total muscle mass loss equal to 4.29% loss of total body muscle mass over 7-14 days.



- Schefold et al (2020) completed a systematic review on ICU-acquired weakness (ICU-AW).
- Side-effects of ICU-AW include, but are not limited to:
 - Muscular weakness, impaired mobilization, prolonged bed rest, and extended ICU and/or hospital length of stay.



• Schefold et al (2020)

- In 40% of articles reviewed (1080/2686), ICU-AW was present in patients during preliminary testing, with more patients being diagnosed later in their hospital stay.
- Some articles used other terms that are considered ICU-AW including:
 - Critical illness polyneuropathy (CIP)
 - Critical illness myopathy (CIM)
 - Combination—critical illness polyneuromyopathy (CIPM).



How Therapy Can Help

- Having multiple therapies working with the patient can produce lasting benefits
 - OT
 - PT
 - RT
 - ST
 - Nursing



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How Early Activity and Mobility Can Get Started

- In major hospitals, therapy while on mechanical ventilation is common (Hsieh, 2019)
 - Not as common in rural hospitals
- In my workplace, we could only work with vent patients after extubation, regardless of time on the vent
 - Would result in making it difficult to make positive gains with patients in short amount of time.



How Early Activity and Mobility Can Get Started

- With patients being harder to mobilize after intubation, this lead to increased time needed to get patients discharged or placed in rehab.
- Some negatives associated with this included:
 - Decreased muscle mass
 - Decreased endurance/activity tolerance
 - Decreased cognition
 - Decreased motivation
 - Increased stress for patients and families



Getting Ground Work Completed

- Completed research regarding early activity and mobility (EAMP), benefits of therapeutic intervention
- Discussed with director, who discussed with ICU managers, who created EAMP MD Team
 - RN
 - OT
 - PT
 - RT
 - Physician



Getting Ground Work Completed

- Reached out to other facilities for their protocols for EAMP.
- Drafted and created early activity and mobility protocol (EAMP) with multidisciplinary team, complete with inclusion and contraindication criterion.



Facility Support

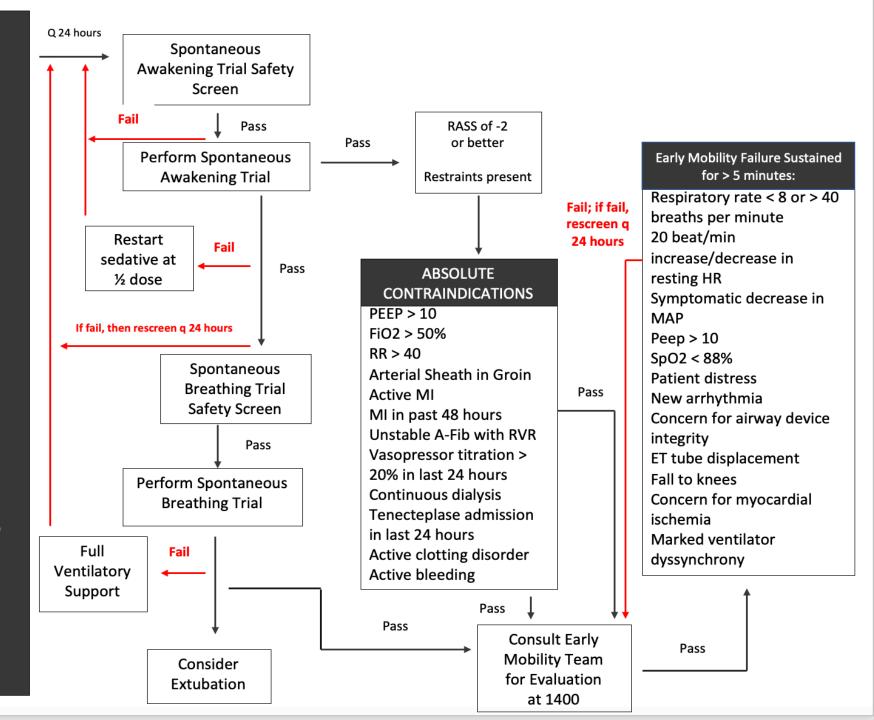
- If implementing an EAMP at your facility, make sure you have:
 - Staff to create/develop/implement protocol
 - Buy-in from the staff
 - Equipment necessary
- Have clear inclusion/exclusion criteria, as well as contraindications.
- Have a clear protocol plan that can be used by any clinician.



Implementation + Identifying Patients

- Attend ICU rounds daily and speak with multidisciplinary team
- Identify mechanical vent patients that may be appropriate for therapy, determine if the medical team is okay with treating this patient
- Establish time with multi-disciplinary team to evaluate/treat patient(s)





Contraindications

ABSOLUTE CONTRAINDICATIONS

PEEP > 10FiO2 > 50%RR > 40Arterial Sheath in Groin Active MI MI in past 48 hours Unstable A-Fib with RVR Vasopressor titration > 20% in last 24 hours Continuous dialysis Tenecteplase admission in last 24 hours Active clotting disorder Active bleeding



Early Activity and Mobility Failure



Early Mobility Failure Sustained for > 5 minutes: Respiratory rate < 8 or > 40 breaths per minute 20 beat/min increase/decrease in resting HR Symptomatic decrease in MAP Peep > 10SpO2 < 88% Patient distress New arrhythmia Concern for airway device integrity ET tube displacement Fall to knees Concern for myocardial ischemia Marked ventilator dyssynchrony

Inclusion Criteria

Therapy Inclusion Criteria

(Able to Participate in Early Activity and Mobility Protocol)

- PEEP < 10
- FiO2 ≤ 50%
- RR < 40 (respiratory rate)
- NO Arterial Sheath in Groin
- NO Active MI
- NO MI in most recent 48 hours
- Stable A-Fib
- NO Vasopressor titration > 20% in last 24 hours
- NO Continuous dialysis (CRRT or SLED)
- NO Tenecteplase admission in most recent 24 hours
- NO Active clotting disorder
- NO Active bleeding

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Chart Review

- Chart review will include:
 - Assessments
 - RASS score
 - CAM-ICU score
 - \circ Vent settings
 - Appropriate: at or below 50% FiO2; 10 PEEP
 - NOT Appropriate: above 50% FiO2; > 10 PEEP
 - \circ Activity orders
 - Current sedation (including sedation level and sedative medication used)
 - o Therapy contraindications



Early Activity and Mobility Overview

- 1A: Passive Range of Motion/Initiation of Mobility
- 1B: Active Assisted ROM/Chair Mode of Bed
- 2: Active Mobilization and Edge of Bed Activity
- 3A: Sit to Stand
- 3B: Transfers (*Will ONLY occur if RT or second RN is present and has cleared therapists to complete transfers*)
- 4: Gait training (*Will ONLY occur if RT is present with portable vent*)



Evaluating/Treating MV Patients

- Staffing
 - Establish roles
- Monitor vitals at beginning, throughout, end of treatment
- Remove any unnecessary equipment
- Have extra hands present



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Level 1A: Passive Range of Motion/Initiation of Mobilization Staff Needed: PT, OT, RN, RT

Therapy StaffNursing StaffRespiratory Staff• RASS < -1</td>• Begin to implement
protocol for progressive
mobility• Swap vent sides of the
bed daily to limit
developing neck
contractures

Step 0	Continuous lateral rotation therapy for at
	least 18 hours per day with 80% rotation.
Step 1	HOB elevated to 45 degrees with PROM
	**Therapy services will join at this time to
	provide/initiate PROM program, initiate
	schedules for patient, assist with PROM
	and rotating patient as needed.



Level 1B: Active Assisted Range of Motion/Chair Mode

Staff Needed: PT, OT, RN, RT

Therapy Staff	Nursing Staff	Respiratory Staff
 OT: initiate functional cognitive goals PT: initiate functional strengthening/mobility goals 	 Continue to implement protocol for progressive mobility. 	 Swap vent sides of the bed daily to limit developing neck contractures

Step 2	HOB elevated to 45 degrees and legs put in	
	dependent position (partial chair mode) with	
	a goal of 20 minutes 3x/day	
Step 3	HOB elevated to 60 degrees and legs put in	
	full dependent position (full chair mode)	
	with a goal of 20 minutes 3x/day	



Level 2: Active Mobilization and Edge of Bed Activity Staff Needed: PT, OT, RN, RT

Therapy Staff	Nursing Staff	Respiratory Staff
 Begin to assess sitting 	Continue to implement	• Lowest SpO2 level is 88%
balance and strength in extremities	protocol for progressive mobility.	and allotted 5-minute recovery time until patient needs to return
		to supine.

Step 4	HOB elevated to 65 degrees plus legs in full	
	dependent position and feet on the floor	
	(*Therapy present for initiating transfers to	
	neuro chair*)	
Step 5	Sit on the side of the bed with feet on the	
	floor (*Therapy present for transfers*)	



Level 3A: Sit to Stand Staff Needed: PT, OT, RN, RT

 Begin to assist patient with sit to stand transfers Continue to place patient Lowest SpO2 level is and allotted 5-minut 	
 Continue to implement protocol for progressive mobility Be present for line management during mobility sessions Continue to implement protocol for progressive mobility Continue to implement mobility Continue t	88% te

Step 6	Therapy will begin to initiate stand/pivot			
	while at EOB			



Level 3B: Transfers Staff Needed: PT, OT, RN, RT

Therapy Staff	Nursing Staff	Respiratory Staff
 Patient will begin to progress to chair transfers Continue to implement protocol for progressive mobility 	 Continue to implement protocol for progressive mobility. 	 Lowest SpO2 level is 88% and allotted 5-minute recovery time until patient needs to return to supine.

Step 7	Therapy will begin to initiate stand/pivot		
	with side-stepping towards chair		



Level 4: Gait Staff Needed: PT, OT, RN, RT

Therapy Staff	Nursing Staff	Respiratory Staff
 Begin gait training Continue to implement protocol for progressive mobility 	 Place patient in bedside chair for at least 1 meal with the goal of sitting up for at least 20 minutes 	 Lowest SpO2 level is 88% and allotted 5-minute recovery time until patient needs to return to supine. Be present for portable vent management

Step 8	Patient will take side-steps with appropriate	
	AE and gait belt to initiate ambulation	
Step 9	9 Patient will ambulate with appropriate AE	
	and gait belt in room/hallway as tolerated	



Documenting Therapy Session

- Identify if any other discipline was present
- Include vitals throughout treatment
- List vent settings
- What was accomplished
- Therapeutic benefit to patient



Documenting Therapy Session

- Standardized assessments can be used (and documented)!!
 - CAM-ICU
 - HADS (Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale) (Stern, 2014)
 - BIMS
 - AMPAC-6 Clicks

All can be found for free online





Confusion Assessment Method for the ICU (CAM-ICU) Worksheet

Instructions: To evaluate for the presence of delirium in your patient, complete this clinical assessment <u>every</u> shift (8-12 hours).

CAM-ICU is a valid and reliable delirium assessment tool recommended by the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) in its 2013 Pain, Agitation, and Delirium (PAD) guidelines.

CAM-ICU	Criteria	✓ Present		
FEATURE 1: Alteration/Fluctuation in Mental Status				
 Is the patient's mental status different than his/her baseline? OR Has the patient had any fluctuation in mental status in the past 24 hours as evidenced by fluctuation on a sedation scale (eg, RASS, Glasgow Coma Scale [GCS]), or previous delirium assessment? 	If Yes for either question ►			
FEATURE 2: Inattention 1: Alteration/Fluctuation in Mental Status				
Letters Attention Test: Tell the patient "I am going to read to you a series of 10 letters. Whenever you hear the letter 'A,' squeeze my hand." SAVEAHAART	If number of errors >2 ►			
Count errors (each time patient fails to squeeze on the letter "A" and squeezes on a letter other than "A").				
FEATURE 3: Altered Level of Consciousness (LOC)				
 Present if the RASS score is anything <u>other than</u> Alert and Calm (zero) OR If SAS is anything <u>other than</u> Calm (4) 	If RASS ≠0 OR SAS ≠4 ►			
FEATURE 4: Disorganized Thinking	1	1		
 Yes/No Questions: Ask the patient to respond: Will a stone float on water? Are there fish in the sea? Does 1 pound weigh more than 2 pounds? Can you use a hammer to pound a nail? Count errors (each time patient answers incorrectly). Commands: Ask the patient to follow your instructions: "Hold up this many fingers." (Hold 2 fingers in front of the patient.) "Now do the same thing with the other hand." (Do <u>not</u> demonstrate the number of fingers this time.) If unable to move both arms, for part "b" of command ask patient to "Hold up one more finger." 	If combined number of errors >1 ►			
If Features 1 and 2 are both present <u>and</u> either Features 3 <u>or</u> 4 are present: CAM-ICU is positive, delirium is present		sent 🗌		

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Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS)

D	Α	Don't take too long over you	D	A	
-		I feel tense or 'wound up':		~	I feel as if I am slowed down:
	3	Most of the time	3		Nearly all the time
	2	A lot of the time	2		Very often
	1	From time to time, occasionally	1		Sometimes
	0	Not at all	ò		Not at all
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		I still enjoy the things I used to enjoy:			I get a sort of frightened feeling like 'butterflies' in the stomach:
0		Definitely as much		0	Not at all
1		Not quite so much		1	Occasionally
2		Only a little		2	Quite Often
3		Hardly at all		3	Very Often
		I get a sort of frightened feeling as if something awful is about to happen:			I have lost interest in my appearance:
	3	Very definitely and quite badly	3		Definitely
	2	Yes, but not too badly	2		I don't take as much care as I should
	1	A little, but it doesn't worry me	1		I may not take quite as much care
	0	Not at all	0		I take just as much care as ever
		I can laugh and see the funny side of things:			I feel restless as I have to be on the move:
0		As much as I always could		3	Very much indeed
1		Not quite so much now		2	Quite a lot
2		Definitely not so much now		1	Not very much
3		Not at all		0	Not at all
		Worrying thoughts go through my mind:			I look forward with enjoyment to things:
	3	A great deal of the time	0		As much as I ever did
	2	A lot of the time	1		Rather less than I used to
	1	From time to time, but not too often	2		Definitely less than I used to
	0	Only occasionally	3		Hardly at all
		I feel cheerful:			I get sudden feelings of panic:
3		Not at all		3	Very often indeed
2		Not often		2	Quite often
1		Sometimes		1	Not very often
0		Most of the time		0	Not at all
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		I can sit at ease and feel relaxed:			I can enjoy a good book or radio or TV program:
	0	Definitely	0		Often
	1	Usually	1		Sometimes
	2	Not Often	2		Not often
	3	Not at all	3		Very seldom

Tick the box beside the reply that is closest to how you have been feeling in the past week. Don't take too long over you replies: your immediate is best.

Please check you have answered all the questions

Scoring:

Total score: Depression (D) _____

Anxiety (A) _____

0-7 = Normal

8-10 = Borderline abnormal (borderline case)

11-21 = Abnormal (case)

Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS)

Repetition of Three Words

Ask resident: "I am going to say three words for you to remember. Please repeat the words after I have said all three. The words are: **sock, blue** and **bed**. Now tell me the three words."

Number of words repeated after first attempt:

	0.	N	0	n	e

l	0	r	1	e

1. One							
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_____ 2. Two

3. Three

After the resident's first attempt, repeat the words using cues ("sock, something to wear; blue, a color; bed, a piece of furniture"). You may repeat the words up to two more times.

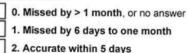
Temporal Orientation (orientation to month, year and day)

Ask resident: "Please tell me what year it is right now."

Able to repor	t correct year
	0. Missed by > 5 years, or no answer
	1. Missed by 2-5 years
	2. Missed by 1 year
[3. Correct

Ask resident: "What month are we in right now?"

Able to report correct month



Ask resident: "What day of the week is today?"

Able to report correct day of the week

0. Incorrect, or no answer 1. Correct

Recall

Ask resident: "Let's go back to the earlier question. What were the three words that I asked you to repeat?" If unable to remember a word, give cue ("something to wear," "a color," "a piece of furniture") for that word.

Able to recall "sock"	0. No - could	1. Yes, after cueing	2. Yes, no cue
	not recall	("something to wear")	required
Able to recall "blue"	0. No - could	1. Yes, after cueing	2. Yes, no cue
	not recall	("a color")	required
Able to recall "bed"	0. No - could	1. Yes, after cueing	2. Yes, no cue
	not recall	("a piece of furniture")	required

Summary Score

Add scores for each question and fill in total score (00-15). Enter 99 if the resident was unable to complete the interview.

Boston University AM-PAC™ "6 Clicks" Basic Mobility Inpatient Short Form

Please check the box that reflects your (the patient's) best answer to each question.

How much difficulty does the patient currently have	Unable	A Lot	A Little	None
 Turning over in bed (including adjusting bedclothes, sheets and blankets)? 		 2	3	4
 Sitting down on and standing up from a chair with arms (e.g., wheelchair, bedside commode, etc.) 	1	 2	_ 3	4
3. Moving from lying on back to sitting on the side of the bed?	1	_ 2	□₃	4
How much help from another person does the patient currently need	Total	A Lot	A Little	None
4. Moving to and from a bed to a chair (including a wheelchair)?	 1	1 2	□₃	4
5. Need to walk in hospital room?		 2	[]₃	4
6. Climbing 3-5 steps with a railing?		 2	_3	4
Raw Score: CMS	0-100% Score:			
Standardized Score: CMS	Modifier:			

Note: Use the AM-PAC Basic Mobility Inpatient Short Form Conversion Table to convert raw scores.

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Overall Benefits

- Improved quality of life (Bach, 2022; Tipping, 2019; Zhang, 2019).
- Decreased time spent in the ICU and hospital (Hashem, 2016)
- Decreased time spent on the ventilator (Hsieh,
- Greater chance for survival after spending time on life support (Hodgson, 2015)
- D/C home sooner when compared to patients who did not receive early therapy (Young, 2019)



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