



Acute Ventilator Program

Our program is devoted to treating clients who require ventilator assist secondary to a traumatic event or disease process such as:

- Brain Injury
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Pneumonia
- Chronic Lung Disease
- COPD
- MS
- Stroke
- ALS

Cardinal Hill's state-of-the-art facility and skilled, caring professionals create an atmosphere that supports the ventilator dependent client and family's recovery and progress.

Criteria for Appropriate Referrals

Potential to participate in our acute rehabilitation program including a combination of:

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Ages 18 and older

Do not require an:

- ET tube
- TPN
- Sedation or telemetry

If you have any questions regarding this new program, please contact the Ventilator Program Manager Dan Hudson at (859) 254-5701, x5305 - dmh1@cardinalhill.org or the Director of Admissions Jodi Smith at (859) 367-7234 - js2@cardinalhill.org

Inpatient Acute Ventilator Program

Our ventilator dependent program was initiated to treat clients with the potential of being weaned off the ventilator. Our goal is to wean each client off of the ventilator; however, for clients who remain on the ventilator our treatment focuses on educating the client and family on living a successful community based lifestyle. Our team of ventilator specialists evaluates each client individually to determine their physical, cognitive and social status to determine the appropriate clinical pathway. Together utilizing a multidisciplinary philosophy, appropriate goals are established by the client and treatment team.

Specialty Trained Treatment Team

Our staff has completed specific training in treating ventilator dependent individuals. In addition to the Client, Family and Caregiver, members of the treatment team may include:

- Pulmonologist
- Physician
- Internist
- Infectious Disease Specialist
- Rehabilitation Nurse
- Respiratory Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Case Manager/Social Worker
- Psychologist/Neuropsychologist
- Dietician
- Pharmacist
- Chaplain

Family members are included in the treatment team, and we encourage active family participation as the client works to achieve functional goals. A rehabilitation physician and nurse are available 24 hours a day, attending to each client daily. Every client is treated as an individual while working to achieve personal rehabilitation goals. Individual counseling, support groups, family education and referrals for community resources are all available. Family support is a key element in a successful rehabilitation experience.

Program Features

Along with *Medical Management*, the plan of care may include:

- Ventilator Weaning Program
- Diaphragmatic Pacing
- Innovative Technology and Equipment
- Medical Management
- Customized Wheelchair Seating and Orthotics
- Support Groups and Education
- Equipment Management and Education
- Therapeutic Community Reentry Activities
- Client and Family Education
- Training and Adjustment Counseling
- Swallowing Evaluation and Retraining
- Diet and Medication Teaching
- Home Evaluation

Intensity of Services

A pulmonologist, rehabilitation physician, respiratory therapists and nurses are available 24 hours a day and attend to each client daily. Each client is treated as an individual and will work with our healthcare professionals to achieve their rehabilitation goals. Clients will participate in intensive therapy up to 3 hours of therapy a day, Monday –Friday; with additional therapy on the weekends, as determined by the treatment team.

Follow-Up Services

The care and support a client and their family receive at our inpatient level does not end upon discharge from Cardinal Hill. Each client's local and referring physicians receive copies of their Discharge Summary. Referral to Home Care or Outpatient Services will be made based on the client's individual needs. Follow-up visits with our physicians are also scheduled, it is at this time the physician and therapists may recommend changes in the client's home program, medical management, therapy services or equipment.

In addition to the inpatient program, we also offer:

- Outpatient Therapy
- Outpatient Medical Clinic
- Home Health Care
- Wellness Program

To make a referral and for more information

Call (859) 367-7120 or visit www.cardinalhill.org