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RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS?

[RTs]

1 RTs work in many places

Respiratory therapists are important members of teams that provide care in hospitals, in clinics, in the community and in patients' homes.



2 RTs care for many people



RTs provide healthcare to people at all stages of life. For example, RTs care for newborns who are having difficulty breathing. They also care for people of all ages who need respiratory support because they are critically ill or severely injured. RTs provide support for those with chronic heart and lung diseases, and for people who may require long term respiratory care for disease or disability.

3 Ways RTs add value to your health care

RTs have unique skills and abilities that they use to provide care to patients in complicated and often times critical situations.

In all health care settings, RTs use methods that are known to be safe and effective to care for patients' respiratory health needs.

RTs play an important role in addressing the key needs of our healthcare system, such as chronic disease care, and team-based primary care.

4 Ways that RTs help patients



Assess, perform medical tests, and provide a range of treatments for cardio-respiratory disease



Educate patients about lung health and the use of their breathing medication to help manage their own care



Provide airway and breathing support in the ICUs, emergency rooms, and operating rooms



Participate in research initiatives that help improve healthcare and quality of life



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