

# V.E.N.T.S.

## VENTILATOR/TRACHEOSTOMY EDUCATION FOR NURSES AND CAREGIVERS



### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Home health nurses who care for pediatric patients with tracheostomy tubes and home ventilators

### PURPOSE/GOAL OF PROGRAM:

To provide home care nurses who care for home ventilator patients with enhanced ventilator education and emergency response skills to improve the patient's safety and limit re-admissions related to tracheostomy emergencies.

### THIS IS A TWO-PART PROGRAM

#### Review of multiple home ventilators

- Verbalize why patient is on the ventilator
- Explain the ventilator parts and settings
- Recognize and respond to alarms

#### Simulation of tracheostomy emergencies

- Orientation/exposure to the Simulation Center
- Identify a simulated tracheostomy emergency
- Respond appropriately to a tracheostomy emergency
- Change tracheostomy tube

### WHY IS THIS PROGRAM UNIQUE?

The Saigh Foundation Pediatric Simulation Center, developed with support from the Saigh Foundation for St. Louis Children's Hospital, is the only medical simulation center within 300 miles dedicated specifically to pediatric patients.

Simulated events through this program provide experiences in managing emergency situations that are common in children with tracheostomy tubes. The scenarios and feedback from instructors provide a safe yet lifelike learning environment for nurses to refine skills essential in clinical care.

*3.25 Nursing Contact Hours provided by St. Louis Children's Hospital for participants attending entire session.*

*St. Louis Children's Hospital is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Midwest Multistate Division, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.*

## LOCATION

The Saigh Foundation Simulation Center at St. Louis Children's Hospital; fifth floor

## CONTACT PERSONS

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## PLANNING COMMITTEE/FACULTY

- Aly Elmore MSN, RN, CCRN; Clinical Education Specialist
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- Alexandra Johansson MSN, RN, CCRN; Clinical Education Specialist
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- Kelly Crump, RRT

## PROGRAM DATES AND TIMES

**Date:** Jan. 17      **Time:** 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Date:** April 11      **Time:** 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Date:** Aug. 13      **Time:** 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Date:** Oct. 30      **Time:** 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Visit [StLouisChildrens.org/Vents](https://StLouisChildrens.org/Vents). Or contact Alex Johansson, [alexandra.johansson@bjc.org](mailto:alexandra.johansson@bjc.org). You must receive confirmation that there is still space in the class.

*PLEASE NOTE: There is no charge for this educational opportunity, but space is limited. At least 48 hours advance notice is required for canceling your reservation.*



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## DIRECTIONS

- You will need to show identification and obtain a visitor badge at the desk.
- A member of the V.E.N.T.S. team will greet you and escort you to the 5th floor Saigh Foundation Simulation Center.
- To reach us on the day of the program, call the lab at 314.319.8881.



### REGISTER ONLINE:

Scan QR code with your smartphone camera.



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