

Checklist for Monitoring Pulse Oximetry

Procedure Steps

- _____ 1. Choose a sensor appropriate to the person's age, size and weight, and the desired location.
- _____ 2. If the person is allergic to adhesive, uses a clip-on probe sensor.
- _____ 3. Clean and dry the site.
- _____ 4. If using an adhesive wrap, remove the protective backing and wrap around appropriate finger.
- _____ 5. When attaching the probe, make sure that the photo-detector and light-emitting diodes on the probe sensor face each other.
- _____ 6. Connect the sensor probe and turn it on.
- _____ 7. Wait 10-30 seconds until the digital display stops changing and then read the numbers.
- _____ 8. Remove the probe sensor and turn off the oximeter when monitoring is no longer necessary.
- _____ 9. Document results and report any out of range findings to a HCP (health care professional) .

(Adapted from FA Davis Co. 2007. Wilkinson & VanLeuven. Procedure Checklist for Fundamentals of Nursing.)

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