

Prepare – Ventilator Process

- Assign local ventilator “lead”
 - Tracks availability of ventilator & AM inventory
 - Serve as liaison between ICU and OR
 - Create a process for critical care staff to request an AM
- Assign specific AMs to the reserve stock
- Create an “vent on-call” list for the AMs

Prepare – Anesthesia Process

- Assign anesthesia professional(s)
 - Responsible for AMs
 - Set up, monitor, maintain, round hourly
 - Coordinate with clinical team to recommend appropriate settings
- Predetermine role of ANES professional in care team
- Create “vent on-call” schedule for ANES prof’s
- Predetermine appropriate settings and limits to match severity of illness (see ASA document for details)
- Address any issues, (i.e. privileges, compensation, org. structure, etc.) in advance with local leaders

Prepare – Dry Run Practice

- Perform “dry run” to identify potential problems.
- Ensure ANES profs are familiar with any changes in Epic workflow documentation
- If OR or PACU is to be used as ICU
 - Ensure patient transport/access routes are detailed to avoid exposure to non-COVID patients
 - Ensure that proper level of isolation is feasible (e.g. negative or neutral pressure)
- AMs may need to be moved to non-surgical site
- Ensure appropriate gas, suction, exhaust, and power sources are available at each potential site