



## Information Bulletin

### About the Ventilator Care and Ventilator Weaning Program at Northeast Center for Special Care

At the Ventilator Care Program at Northeast Center for Special Care we have artfully combined technology with professional loving care to assist you or a loved one in rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation occurs in comfortable, homelike, state-of-art environment with our qualified, professional staff. We have a dedicated unit with medical gases and a suction system installed into the walls of patient rooms and common areas.



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We utilize the latest ventilators, which can also be mounted on a wheelchair to allow our Resident-Neighbors mobility.

### Treatment Planning

An interdisciplinary Team approach for resident care is utilized to develop individualized treatment plans. Each member of the team is highly skilled and experienced in the care of ventilator dependent residents. These skilled individuals include: Board Certified Pulmonologists, Registered Respiratory Therapists, Nursing professionals, Recreation Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Speech Language

Pathologists, Dietician-nutritionist, Social Worker, Psychosocial Counselor and Case Manager.

Treatment is personalized and directed through an interdisciplinary Treatment Team of clinicians who are dedicated to our ventilator program. At Northeast Center we believe that Resident-Neighbor and family involvement and support is important in weaning from a ventilator. Family members are included in the treatment process and in discharge planning. The Interdisciplinary Treatment Team provides education and training in the skills needed after discharge.

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Our commitment to improved quality of life to each of our residents is demonstrated by individual goal setting. The primary focus, whenever possible, of ventilator rehabilitation is to wean an individual from mechanical ventilation and resume or regain an optimal level of independent function. Our mission is always for the individual to return home and be integrated back in their community.

## 24 Hours a Day

Our diligently trained clinical staff of Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Respiratory Therapists, Certified Nursing Assistants, Respiratory Assistants, a full-time on-staff Physician and Board-Certified Pulmonologists, help provide round-the-clock care. Our Registered Respiratory Therapist staffing exceeds state guidelines.



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We are one of the few programs that have Licensed Respiratory Therapists on premises 24 hours a day. Their program is individualized for the patient and includes education, instruction on medications, use of oxygen therapy, breathing techniques and relaxation.

Our Resident-Neighbors are monitored with state-of-art equipment, which includes computers and automatic alarms. Equipment is on hand to monitor blood gases and measure lung function and tolerance.

## Ventilator Weaning

The hope for weaning individuals from mechanical ventilators is greater than ever. We follow clinical protocols that have helped Northeast Center have one of the highest weaning rates in the country.

Further, we maintain a specially equipped step-down unit for individuals who have been weaned from a mechanical ventilator. Our staff provides tracheostomy care and care after decannulation.



We provide round-the-clock care.

Our professional respiratory, nursing, dietary and medical team implements and follows proven, successful ventilator weaning protocols which include addressing and treating the special needs of each individual person.

Our dedicated staff has assisted scores of individuals to be able to breathe on their own once again and thereby gaining confidence and strength as they work towards returning home to a productive life with family and friends once again.

The difference at Northeast Center for Special Care is the caring dedication that our staff brings in a beautiful state-of-art therapeutic community. We look at everyone who is admitted to Northeast Center as our "Neighbors," which builds a sense of community among our talented staff and our Resident-Neighbors and that makes for a unique rehabilitation environment.

As our Resident-Neighbors progress they become active in their therapeutic community here. As they learn to become independent once again they are able to put that into practice on a daily basis.

Northeast Center for Special Care offers a wealth of activities for our Resident-Neighbors including educational groups, our Fine Arts Program, our renowned Art Studio, Pet Therapy, daily recreational programs and activities as well as special events.

## **Interventions and Services**

We provide a wealth of specialized interventions and quality services:

- **Bilateral Intermittent Positive Airway Pressure BiPAP Continuous**
- **Positive Airway Pressure CPAP**
- **Tracheostomy**
- **Modified Breathing Techniques**
- **Patient and Family Education**
- **Pharmacologic Administration**

### **Ventilator Program Services:**

- **Medically Complex Services (including treatment of individuals with multi-drug resistant infections)**
- **Ventilator Care**
- **Ventilator Rehabilitation**
- **Ventilator Weaning**
- **Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN)**
- **IV Therapy Wound Care**
- **Respiratory Care**
- **Restorative Therapy**
- **Nutritional Management and Education**
- **Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD)**

### **Services:**

- **Education**
- **Physical Therapy**
- **Occupational Therapy**
- **Speech language Pathology**
- **Social Work**
- **Spiritual Care**
- **Recreation**
- **Fine Arts**
- **Pet Therapy**
- **Beauty Shop**

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As you can see Northeast Center is much more than a respiratory and ventilator care program. We offer an expertly trained staff, therapies, and unique programs all in a state-of-art care center. Our mission, philosophy and success rate make us the premier program of its kind.

For more information about our Ventilator Program please contact our admissions department [admission@northeastcenter.com](mailto:admission@northeastcenter.com) or call 1-800-922-7822. You are welcome to request a tour.

Northeast Center for Special Care maintains a dedicated forty-bed unit for the care and rehabilitation of ventilator dependent persons. We are located in Lake Katrine, NY on a beautiful thirty-nine acre campus. We are minutes from the New York State Thruway.



Northeast Center for Special Care is honored to have received the American Association for Respiratory Care Quality Respiratory Care Recognition Award: 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

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