

Required Medical Emergency Response Plans (MERPs)

MERP are required for persons who have one or more conditions or illnesses that present a likely potential to become a life-threatening situation. These include but are not limited to:

1. Risk for aspiration creating risk for aspiration pneumonia; acute respiratory distress or sepsis;
2. Asthma or other respiratory disease creating risk for respiratory distress or failure;
3. Seizure disorder/epilepsy creating risk for prolonged seizures or status epilepticus;
4. Neurological disorders requiring devices or implants such as shunts or vagal nerve stimulator that may have specific directions for use or require intervention if malfunction occurs;
5. Cardiac conditions that create risk for heart attack or cardiac failure;
6. Diabetes mellitus creating risk for diabetic coma from very high or very low blood sugar;
7. Risk for sepsis due to use of high dose steroids, cancer chemotherapy, removal of spleen, certain immune disorders, or presence of an indwelling urinary or IV catheter;
8. Gastrointestinal disorders with history of severe constipation, impaction, bowel obstruction or gastric bleeding;
9. Feeding tubes; address risk of tube displacement or blockage
10. Severe allergies that are known to result in anaphylactic shock or other severe, life-threatening reaction;
11. Bleeding risk related to diseases, disorders, or anticoagulant therapy;
12. Other conditions based on the nurse's judgment and individuals medical condition.