



## **Respiratory Therapy Society of Ontario**

Société de la Thérapie Respiratoire de l'Ontario

***Help Keep Ultrasound Around*** – beyond the recent [Emergency Declaration](#).

The Ontario government is allowing Regulated Health Professionals – including Respiratory Therapists – working in hospitals to perform duties outside their scope when responding to the COVID pandemic, if it falls within our professional practice and competencies.

This means that **tasks/roles requiring the use of ultrasound, defibrillation, or peripheral electro-neuro stimulation no longer require delegation once an order is given**. This will help remove bottlenecks in our hospitals across Ontario and help provide treatment to patients more quickly and safely.

We know RTs are stretched to their limits. The RTSO is working to keep this temporary amendment permanent – especially as it relates to the use of ultrasound. For RTs that must insert arterial lines into patients with very weak pulses, ultrasound is an extremely useful tool to be armed with. Without it, complications can arise waiting for an intensivist, but it also wastes time, drugs, equipment, and PPE.

***Help Keep Ultrasound Around*** – for good! Let's prove to the Ministry of Health that this is best practice and that ALL respiratory therapists should be armed with an ultrasound probe to assist with procedures and tests that we are responsible for.

### **How you can help**

1. At the end of your shift, calculate how many arterial lines were inserted and how many required the use of ultrasound as an assistive device.
2. At the end of each month, take a photo of the sheet and send to [office@rtso.ca](mailto:office@rtso.ca) so we can compile the data to share with the Ministry of Health.

Thank you for all that you're doing to provide the best patient care possible. The RTSO is working to help remove barriers on your behalf. Stay strong, together we will beat this pandemic.

#RTStrong

# MAY 2021

Record # of arterial lines inserted per 24-hour period and the # that required the use of ultrasound  
 Once completed for the month take a picture and send by email to office@rtso.ca

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>TOTAL</b> Art lines							1
# Art lines w. U/S							
<b>TOTAL</b> Art lines	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
# Art lines w. U/S							
<b>TOTAL</b> Art lines	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
# Art lines w. U/S							
<b>TOTAL</b> Art lines	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
# Art lines w. U/S							
<b>TOTAL</b> Art lines	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
# Art lines w. U/S							
<b>TOTAL</b> Art lines	30	31					
# Art lines w. U/S							

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# JUNE 2021

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>TOTAL</b> Art lines			1	2	3	4	5
# Art lines w. U/S							
<b>TOTAL</b> Art lines	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
# Art lines w. U/S							
<b>TOTAL</b> Art lines	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
# Art lines w. U/S							
<b>TOTAL</b> Art lines	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
# Art lines w. U/S							
<b>TOTAL</b> Art lines	27	28	29	30			
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