



## Quick Reference Guide: Qualification Criteria for Respiratory Equipment

To help ensure our patients receive a seamless onboarding experience with Barnes Healthcare Services and reimbursement for medical equipment through their insurance company, the medical necessity of certain coverage criteria must be met.

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### OXYGEN

- Order (include: liter flow, delivery route (ex. nasal cannula, trach, PAP) and continuous or nocturnal)
- Face to face notes justifying patient need for oxygen.
- Test Need:  
Nocturnal
  - Overnight Pulse Oximetry with desaturations 88% or below
  - If patient has DX of sleep apnea, qualifying sats must come from a titration sleep study w/ desaturations 88% or below

#### Continuous

- 6 Minute Walk Test with qualifying sats of 88% or below (all 3 steps must be completed)
  - 1) Room Air Resting Sp02 \_\_\_\_% while in chronic stable state
  - 2) Room Air Exertion Sp02 \_\_\_\_%
  - 3) Oxygen applied @ \_\_\_\_ lpm Exertion Sp02 \_\_\_\_%  
*\*Recovery Sats can not be used, must use wording outlined in steps 1-3.*
- Resting room air saturations 88% or below.
- MD must sign off on testing if not addressed in the Face to face notes.

### CPAP (Sleep Apnea):

- Order
- Face to face notes prior to Sleep Study
- Sleep Study:  
Requires an AHI of greater than 15  
*(If AHI is between 5 and 14 then one or more of the symptoms below needs to be included in the face to face notes):*
  - Excessive Daytime sleepiness
  - Impaired Cognition
  - Mood Disorders
  - Insomnia
  - Hypertension
  - Ischemic Heart Disease
  - History of Stroke

### BiPAP (Sleep Apnea):

- Order
- Face to face notes prior to initial Sleep Study
- Initial Sleep Study with qualifying AHI
- Titration Study showing that CPAP has failed  
*or*  
At home CPAP trial with face to face notes including:
  - Appropriate pressure settings
  - Proper fitting mask