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List of Abbreviations

A/C Assist Controlled Ventilation

AOP Apnea of Prematurity

APRV Airway Pressure Release Ventilation

BAL Bronco Alveolar Lavage

BVM Bag Valve Mask
CBGs Capillary Blood Gases
CLD Chronic Lung Distress

CMV Controlled Mechanical Ventilation

CNS Central Nervous System

CO₂ Carbon Dioxide

CPAP Continuous Positive Airway Pressure

CPT Chest Physio Therapy

EDHS Egyptian Demographic and Health Survey

EMOH Egyptian Ministry Of Health

ETT Endotracheal Tube

FiO₂ Fractional Inspiratory Oxygen FRC Functional Residual Capacity HFFI High Frequency Flow Interruption HFJV High Frequency Jet Ventilation

HFOV High Frequency Oscillatory Ventilation HFPPV High Frequency Positive Pressure Ventilation

HFV High Frequency Ventilation HMD Hyaline Membrane Disease I/E Ratio Inspiratory/Expiratory Ratio

IgG Imuno Globuline

IDM Infant of Diabetic Mother

IMV Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation

IT Inspiratory Time

mmHg Mellimeter of hydrargyrum

NC Nasal Cannula

NICUs Neonatal Intensive Care Units

NIPPV NonInvasive Positive Pressure Ventilation

NIV NonInvasive Ventilation

O₂ Oxygen

PEEP Post End Expiratory Pressure
PIP Peak Inspiratory Pressure

PS Pressure Support

List of Abbreviations

Pressure Support Respiratory Distress Respiratory Distress Syndrome PS RD

RDS Retinopathy of Prematurity ROP

Oxygen Saturation SaO2

Synchronized Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation **SIMV**

Total Parenteral Nutriation TPN

Transient Tachypnea of Neonates TTN

WOB Work of Breathing

INTRODUCTION

Neonatal respiratory distress is the most common neonatal emergency and the main cause of admission to the neonatal intens ive care units (NICUs). More than 50% of cases are followed for neonatal pneumonia, transient tachypnea and meconium aspiration (El Nagar, 2009).

Neonatal respiratory distress occurs in approximately 5% of full term neonates, and in over 50% of very low birth weight, and premature neonates, in which respiratory distress is being the leading cause of neonatal death (Rudlof & Levene, 2003).

The highest incidence of respiratory distress is inversely related to the degree of prematurity. However, it is estimated that 60-80% of neonates, born at 28 weeks of gestation will develop respiratory distress, 25% at 32 and 36 weeks of gestation and in about 5% beyond 37 weeks of gestation (Kliegman, 2006).

According to the Egyptian Demographic and Health Survey (EDHS) in 2000, infants' mortality is 64/1000 births, and neonatal mortality constitutes 25/1000 births, this indicates that more than one third of infants' mortality is happening in Egypt. According to the study done in Maternity and Gynecological Hospital and Children's Hospital at Ain Shams University Hospitals respiratory distress occurs in 13.6% of live births, and responsible for 23% of neonatal mortality (Ministry of Health, 2005).

Nursing care for neonates having respiratory distress requires closed monitoring and active nursing intervention. The pediatric nurse should be a highly trained and qualified to provide a standardized nursing care to neonates with respiratory distress at NICU (Wilson et al., 2006).

Appropriate measurement of quality of nursing care is an essential aspect for improving the quality of nursing care. There are several tools to measure the quality of nursing care. Observation is one of the methods used for measuring nursing actions (WHO, 2003).

Care of neonates with respiratory distress involves all the observation and intervention at the neonatal care unit. In addition, the nurse is concerned with the complex problems related to respiratory therapy. Continuous monitoring and close observation are mandatory because the neonate's status can change rapidly (Hockenberry, 2005).

The concepts of quality and how to achieve it are considered the key to survival. The goal for quality initiative has shifted from achieving accreditation to improve care and services philosophically (**Texas Health Resources**, **2007**).

Whereas, quality in health care is defined as meeting or exceeding the neonates' needs and fulfilling his/her expectations, it is always the result of high intention, sincere efforts, intelligent direction and skillful execution, if

represented by a wisely choice of many alternatives (Grossman & Valiga, 2005).

The neonate has the right of quality nursing care. Nurses are key members of the neonatal care team and play a vital role in the delivery of quality neonatal services (Lefrak & Porter, 2006).

Health care environment consumers are taking a greater interest in their own health care and are seeking more and more information. Patients and families become more aware of medical errors, patient safety, surgical procedures, and general medical information. They are investigating their health care providers and facilities, and aware of the outcomes of surgical procedures, treatments, infection rates, malpractice claims and facility of accreditation designation (Kliegman, 2006).