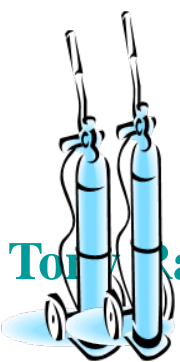


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## RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

Respiratory Therapist or RTs, aid people who have serious disorders get the oxygen they need. By making use of special equipment to diagnose breathing problems, they measure the amount of air that reaches a patient’s lungs and how well the person’s blood carries oxygen to vital organs and tissues.

By using their eyes, hands and ears, RTs observe patients for trouble signs, such as swelling and pale skin. Under a physician’s order they may use devices such as inhalers and nebulizers to get medication to a patient’s lungs. Most RTs work in hospitals while others work in nursing homes, doctor’s offices, rehabilitation centers and home care.



A day in the life of an RT can be described as an “adrenaline high”. In the course of saving lives, you never know what you may get. An individual must work well under pressure, have a thorough knowledge of human anatomy, micro-biology, medical terms, as well as, a strong sense of strength and endurance. The demand for RTs actually exceeds the supply.

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