



## NAVIGATE Respiratory Care



# Patient Assessment

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## Course Description

**Navigate Respiratory Care: Patient Assessment** is one of the 10 online courses in the **Navigate Respiratory Care** curriculum. This course introduces the student to all aspects of the patient encounter. The information ranges from the soft skills needed to achieve fruitful communication to the technical skills needed to perform all the tasks of patient assessment.

## Course Content

- NBRC Correlation Matrix
- Course Objectives
- Interactive Lectures with Audio
- Interactive Practice Activities and Quizzes
- Icons to highlight important information—  
infection control, safety, caution, legal,  
and ethical
- Lesson Case Study
- Lesson Assignment
- Lesson Summary
- Lesson Discussion Questions
- Final Quiz
- Web Links and References

## Course Outcome

**Navigate Respiratory Care: Patient Assessment** will help students understand the various types of people they will encounter on the job, how to be successful in their interactions, and how to be competent in all required tasks.

## Course Objectives

1. Discuss the importance of accurate and complete patient charting.
2. Understand all aspects of the patient encounter.
3. Comprehend the impact of cultural differences on patient interaction.
4. Describe all aspects of the patient history.
5. Identify the ways to determine level of consciousness and to assess patient appearance.
6. Describe vital signs measurement.
7. Discuss inspection of the patient for signs of disease.
8. Describe what palpation can tell the respiratory therapist.
9. Identify the important aspects of percussion in patient assessment.
10. Describe auscultation as a patient assessment and how the respiratory therapist makes determinations based on the results.
11. Discuss cardiovascular and cardiopulmonary assessment and findings.
12. Identify the importance of pulse oximetry to respiratory therapy.
13. Discuss ECG tracings and what they indicate about cardiopulmonary disorders that may affect respiration.
14. Discuss the importance of clinical laboratory studies in treatment of respiratory disease.
15. Analyze how blood gas interpretation impacts respiratory disease findings and treatment.

## Optional Textbooks to Accompany Course

### **Respiratory Care: Principles and Practice, Second Edition**

by Hess, et al.

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