

## Safer care for ventilated residents



Every time Unit 2-6 staff at Wascana Rehabilitation Centre come in contact with a ventilated resident they conduct a hands-on 10-second check of ventilator connections, the result of a recent mistake proofing project. Occurrences, such as tubing being disconnected, have dropped from about five to three per month. The change in practice coincides with a culture shift where staff are encouraged to talk about errors in a blame-free environment.

*“Everyone’s got 10 seconds. The onus is on all of us to keep residents safe.”*

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