The Department of Respiratory Care is guided by a mission to provide outstanding patient care and to shape tomorrow’s health care through research, clinical innovation and education.

**CLINICAL INNOVATIONS**

UPMC respiratory care Department is one of the few in USA that have ‘standing orders’ that allow an RT “EVALUATOR” to assess, determine need and initiate patients care without Physician oversight. We are also the first department internationally to offer the Mini-BAL procedure in all ICUs performed by all staff Therapists

**EDUCATION**

The first Respiratory Care department nationally to utilize simulation based medical education and training /SimMan as a tool for training and competency based skills assessment for advanced practitioners. Unique ‘in- house’ Physician lecture/CEU program allows staff to meet state licensing requirements and learn from some of the world best Physicians.

**RESEARCH**

Our QI analysis of lavage volume was the first to evaluate effect of lavage volume on diagnostic yield of Mini-BAL samples and contributed to establishment of procedure standard. Our close association with critical care medicine and pulmonary departments involves us with numerous clinical research trials and our own departmental research initiatives have produced many publications.

**UPMC is pioneering tomorrow’s respiratory therapies today.** As part of a world-renowned academic medical center, the UPMC Respiratory Care Department provides quality care to a highly diverse patient population including medical, surgical, trauma and transplant patients.

We have a strong focus on academic medicine and offer countless learning opportunities and challenges to our respiratory therapists.

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