

Lippincott Procedures

Preview Procedure

Respiratory Rate - Age Specific Parameters

■ Introduction

Respiratory rate varies with activities and emotional state. It is important to evaluate other pulmonary parameters before determining that the patient has apnea, tachypnea or bradypnea.

Age	Breaths Per Minute
Preterm Neonate	40 to 60 breaths per minute
Infants >28 days to 3 months of age	30 to 60 breaths per minute
Infant (3 months to 2 years)	30 to 60 breaths per minute
Toddler (2 - 3 years)	24 to 40 breaths per minute
Preschooler (3 - 5 years)	22 to 34 breaths per minute
School-age (5 - 12 years)	18 to 30 breaths per minute
Adolescent (12 - 18 years)	16 to 22 breaths per minute
Adult (18 and older)	12 to 20 breaths per minute
Geriatric (65 and over)	15 to 20 breaths per minute
85 years and over	20 to 22 breaths per minute, shallower

