

The
Silvercrest
Center
for nursing
and rehabilitation

Giving Quality to Life

ventilator unit

Nurturing the Breath of Life



The Silvercrest Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation is a unique center of excellence, dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all the residents we serve. We provide skilled nursing, residential care to older and younger adults with complex healthcare needs, people who need short-term rehabilitation, ventilator-dependent patients, and people coping with dementia.

Ventilator-dependent patients are among the most clinically challenging residents at Silvercrest. But with 48 designated vent beds, a round-the-clock respiratory staff, trained nurses and a dedicated pulmonologist, these patients are in expert hands.

The goal is always bettering the quality of life, and for most that means weaning from a ventilator. When total “liberation” is not possible, attaining a lesser dependence can mean a world of difference. Hallmarks of the vent program include:

A clinical team approach. Respiratory therapists join weekly with nurses, physicians, a psychologist, a social worker, dietitians, therapeutic recreation staff, speech-language pathologists and rehabilitation specialists to visit and discuss each resident’s progress.

Non-invasive monitoring of blood gases. Various techniques and tests accurately measure the blood’s level of oxygen and carbon dioxide without the painful invasion of blood being drawn.



Portable vents. Every vent patient has access to a portable vent, which can be removed from its stand, placed in a backpack and hung on a wheelchair, allowing movement away from bedside. The excellence of the vents' performance is in no way compromised.

Speech and swallowing expertise. Ventilator-dependent patients often arrive at Silvercrest not speaking or eating. Our speech-language pathologists can evaluate swallowing and provide devices to restore speech and swallowing to each patient's maximum level of functioning. Accessing communication and pleasurable eating for even short periods is considered a miraculous improvement by those who have these basic human needs restored.

Our ventilator-dependent residents can rely on Silvercrest's history of clinical expertise. In fact, our medical staff, respiratory therapists, and speech-language pathologists publish in academic journals, lecture on their specialties, and even write the textbooks used by their peers in the healthcare industry.

All residents at Silvercrest benefit from our goal to not be just a *good* facility, but a truly *great* center of excellence. The NewYork-Presbyterian Healthcare System is one of the finest in the world, our Board is committed, our administration is disciplined, and our staff members are completely dedicated to our goal—Giving Quality to Life for each and every one of our residents.



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