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As a critical care physician, I am proud to endorse the standards of care and accreditation for long-term ventilator facilities developed by the Physician-Patient Alliance for Health & Safety. These standards are evidence-based and prioritize patient safety, which is of utmost importance in healthcare delivery.

- **Wes Ely, MD,**  
**MPH, CIBS Center,**  
**Vanderbilt University**  
**VA-GRECC**

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The American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) would like to express our support and endorsement of your efforts in developing standards of care and facility accreditation for long-term mechanical ventilation in skilled nursing facilities. As the leading professional association for respiratory therapists in the United States, we recognize the importance of ensuring patients receive the highest quality care possible.... [Read more.]

- **Carl Hinkson,**  
**MS, RRT-NPS, ACCS, FAARC President**  
**American Association for**  
**Respiratory Care**

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When I was asked to review these standards, I was amazed that this had not been done before. I have discharged patients to "ventilator/weaning hospitals/facilities" based almost only on bed availability. It never dawned on me that these institutions did not have regulated well thought out standards of care to protect our patients.

- **Thomas M. Fuhrman,**  
**MD, MMSc, FCCP Chief of Anesthesia,**  
**Bay Pines Veterans**  
**Affairs Healthcare System**

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The acuity of our patients we are seeing continues to be more complex in post-acute care settings. It is important to have a set of recommended Standards of Care that can guide the Facility Ventilator Unit Care Teams to ensure that all of the bases are covered in providing high quality care for its patients. The Enhanced Respiratory Care Program: Standards of Accreditation for Long Term Ventilator Facilities accomplishes that objective. This comprehensive Program defines and covers Clinical Services for all members of the Care Team. The Program also details important aspects of Resident Care and Monitoring as well as covering recommended standards for the Respiratory Equipment being utilized. I thank everyone who worked on developing this Enhanced Respiratory Care Program!

- **Lisa Zaenger, RRT,**  
**RCP, VP of Staffing Services,**  
**Pulmonary Exchange, Ltd**

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Ventilator care in the United States is state-dependent and often lacks any sort of guidelines, Enhanced Respiratory Care accreditation will change how care is delivered, save lives, and improve outcomes in a drastic way.

- **Zachary Gantt RRT, FAARC,**  
**President and CEO,**  
**Encore HealthCare**