What RTs Do

- Diagnose lung & breathing disorders & recommend treatment methods
- Interview patients and do chest physical exam
- Consult with physicians
- Analyze exhaled breath, tissue, and blood specimens
- Manage ventilators and artificial airway devices
- Respond to Cardiopulmonary Emergencies
- Educate patients and families about lung disease

You’ll find RTs

- In hospitals giving breathing treatments to people with asthma and other respiratory conditions.
- In intensive care units managing ventilators that keep the critically ill alive.
- In emergency rooms delivering life-saving treatments.
- In newborn and pediatric units helping kids with conditions ranging from premature birth to cystic fibrosis.
- In patient’s homes providing regular check-ups and making sure people have what they need to stay out of the hospital.
- In sleep laboratories helping to diagnose disorders like sleep apnea.
- In skilled nursing facilities and pulmonary rehabilitation programs helping older people breath easier and get more out of life.
- In doctor’s offices conducting pulmonary function tests and providing patient education.
- In asthma education programs helping kids and adults alike learn how to cope with the condition.
- In smoking cessation programs assisting those who want to kick the habit for good.
- In air transport and ambulance programs rushing to rescue people in need of immediate medical attention.

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