**BASIC LIFE SUPPORT OF BABIES AND CHILDREN WITH A TRACHEOSTOMY**

**Action to take on a blocked tube**

1. **SAFETY**
2. **STIMULATE**
3. **SHOUT**
4. Check and open airway
   - Suction the tube
5. If blocked change immediately
   - Caution if stoma is less than 1 month old
6. Suction the tube
7. Assess for breathing
8. Rescue breathing
9. Signs of life
   - (Pulse check)
10. Chest compressions
    - if appropriate
11. Reassessment

**Action to take if the tube fails to go in**

- Attempt to insert the smaller sized tube
- Attempt to pass the smaller tube into the stoma using a suction catheter (Seldinger Technique)
- If unsuccessful, ventilate via the nose and mouth if the underlying condition allows

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