

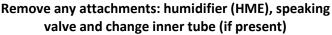
## **Emergency Paediatric Tracheostomy Management**

#### SAFETY - STIMULATE - SHOUT FOR HELP - OXYGEN

SAFE: AIRWAY: OXYGEN: Capnograph: Check Safe area, Stimulate, and Shout for help, CALL 2222 (hospital) or 999 (home) Open child's airway: head tilt / chin lift / pillow or towel under shoulders may help Ensure high flow oxygen to the tracheostomy AND the face as soon as oxygen available Exhaled carbon dioxide waveform may indicate a patent airway (secondary responders)

Yes

## SUCTION TO ASSESS TRACHEOSTOMY PATENCY



Inner tubes need re-inserting to connect to bagging circuits

Can you pass a SUCTION catheter?

CONTINUE ASSESSMENT (ABCDE)

Yes

Consider tracheostomy tube change

The tracheostomy tube is patent

Perform tracheal suction

Consider partial obstruction

No

## EMERGENCY TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE CHANGE

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IS THE PATIENT BREATHING? - Look, listen and feel at the mouth and tracheostomy/stoma

5 RESCUE BREATHS – USE TRACHEOSTOMY IF PATENT

Patent Upper Airway – deliver breath to the mouth Obstructed Upper Airway – deliver breath to tracheostomy/stoma

CHECK FOR SIGNS OF LIFE ? – START CPR

15 compressions : 2 rescue breaths Ensure help or resuscitation team called RESPONDS: continue oxygen, reassessment and stabilisation

Plan for definitive airway if tube change failure

## Primary emergency oxygenation

Standard **ORAL airway** manoeuvres **may be appropriate**. If so **cover the stoma** (swabs / hand). Use:

Bag-valve-face mask Oral or nasal airway adjuncts Supraglottic airway device e.g. Laryngeal Mask Airway (LMA)

Tracheostomy STOMA ventilation Paediatric face mask applied to stoma LMA applied to stoma

### Secondary emergency oxygenation

ORAL intubation may be appropriate with a downsized ET tube Uncut tube, advanced beyond stoma Prepare for difficult intubation 'Difficult Airway' Expert and Equipment\*\*

Attempt intubation of STOMA 3.0 ID tracheostomy tube / ETT 'Difficult Airway' Expert and Equipment\*\*

\*\*EQUIPMENT: Fibreoptic scope, bougie, airway exchange catheter, Airway trolley

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# This patient has a TRACHEOSTOMY

Patient ID :

Patient Details

**Tracheostomy:** 

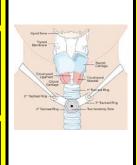
Add tube specification

including cuff or inner tube

mm ID, \_\_\_\_\_ mm distal length

Suction:

\_ FG Catheter to Depth \_\_\_\_\_ cm



UPPER AIRWAY ABNORMALITY: Yes / No please give details of any expected difficulty

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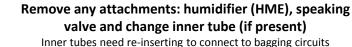
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OXYGEN:	Ensure high flow oxygen to the tracheostomy AND the face as soon as oxygen available
Capnograph:	Exhaled carbon dioxide waveform may indicate a patent airway (secondary responders)

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Basic Response



Can you pass a SUCTION catheter?

**The tracheostomy tube is patent** Perform tracheal suction Consider partial obstruction Consider tracheostomy tube change

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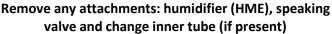
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