

TRACHEOSTOMY EMERGENCIES

DISLODGEEMENT (FALL OUT)	BLOCKAGE
<p>A. Tracheostomy tube has fallen out/out of place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Call 995 for an ambulance immediately and monitor patient's condition. <p>B. If patient,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Experience breathlessnessSpO₂ drops below usual baselineCover the tracheostomy hole with gauze and tape all four sides.If you are trained in manual ventilation (bagging), provide air to patient using a manual resuscitator bag and face mask.	<p>A. Patient experience breathlessness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">SpO₂ drops below usual baselineUnable to insert suction catheterResistance felt when performing manual ventilation (bagging)Change inner cannula.Re-insert suction catheter and perform manual bagging.If resistance is felt when inserting suction catheter and/or during manual bagging, remove the tracheostomy tube (if you are confident). <div><p>*Note: If tracheostomy tube has a cuff balloon, remove air from the balloon port completely <u>before</u> removing the tracheostomy tube.</p></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Call 995 for an ambulance immediately and monitor patient's condition. <p>ii. If patient,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Experience breathlessnessSpO₂ drops below usual baselineCover the tracheostomy hole with gauze and tape all four sides.If you are trained in manual ventilation (bagging), provide air to patient using a manual resuscitator bag and face mask. <p>HOW TO PREVENT BLOCKAGE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Perform regular suctioning based on patient's needs.Ensure that secretion is easily removable. If secretion is very thick, please speak to the medical team.Clean inner cannula at least three times a day.
<p>HOW TO PREVENT DISLODGEEMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensure the space between the skin and tracheostomy holder is within one finger space.Replace tracheostomy tube holder if the Velcro is not sticky.Ensure that the ventilator tubing is not pulled when repositioning patient in bed or transferring patient out of bed (if applicable).	



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