Tracheostomy Care Bundle

Compliance with care bundle components will be audited regularly. All care given and checks made to be documented on the Tracheostomy Care Proforma sheet.

1. **Humidification:**
   Each patient with a tracheostomy in situ should receive adequate humidification by the means stated in the tracheostomy care status sheet. This should be checked and documented 2 hourly.

2. **Suctioning:**
   Patients to have secretion checks at least 2 hourly and be suctioned as required.

3. **Inner Tube Care:**
   Inner tube to be removed, checked for secretion build up, cleaned as per Trust Policy and replaced. This should be done 2-4 hourly.

4. **Safety Equipment:**
   All bedside emergency equipment relating to tracheostomy care to be checked, against Trust Policy, at the beginning of each shift.

5. **Tracheostomy Dressing / Tapes:**
   Each patient with a tracheostomy to have dressing and tapes changed at least every 24 hours.

6. **Cuff:**
   Cuff status to be checked against patient tracheostomy status sheet each shift.

For details regarding any aspect of tracheostomy care please refer to Trust protocol

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