

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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