A. Blocked Tracheostomy
- Remove inner cannula (if present)
- Deflate the cuff
- Call a CODE BLUE
- Apply oxygen via nose/mouth and tracheostomy
- Instil 5mls saline into tracheostomy and suction

B. Accidental Decannulation
- Call a CODE BLUE
- > 7 days post initial insertion, experienced staff can reinsert the tracheostomy
- < 7 days post initial insertion, do NOT reinsert tube. If long blue stay sutures present, pull anteriorly to keep stoma open while waiting for CODE BLUE team
- Apply oxygen via nose/mouth and tracheostomy stoma if required

C. Bleeding From Tracheostomy
- Inflate cuff
- Sit patient up
- Apply oxygen via tracheostomy
- <10mls bright blood activate Urgent Clinical Review
- >10mls bright blood call a MET and notify surgeon responsible for inserting tracheostomy
- If major bleeding/ resp. distress CODE BLUE

If tracheostomy remains blocked:
- > 7 days post initial insertion, consider tracheostomy change (if trained)
- < 7 days post initial insertion, do NOT change the tracheostomy. Wait for CODE BLUE team
- Apply saline nebuliser and suction prn

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CODE BLUE: If Anaesthesia not present call Anaesthesia Senior in Charge (SIC) on ext 3186.