Use of the Portex Suctionaid Tracheostomy Tube

This patient has been assessed for use of the Suctionaid TT.

### TUBE INFORMATION
- The Suctionaid tracheostomy tube (TT) is a cuffed, tube which has an above-cuff suction line and thumb control valve (port).
- The Suctionaid TT allows the clinician to remove pooled subglottic secretions via above-cuff suctioning.
- The tube also provides the opportunity for speech in the presence of an inflated cuff (it is a type of ‘talking tracheostomy tube’).

### ABOVE CUFF SUCTIONING
- Suction above the cuff with caution.
- Do not continue to suction for only minimal amount of secretions due to the risk of upper airway trauma.

#### Method 1 - Syringe
- Use a 10 ml syringe, applying negative pressure with the plunger.

#### Method 2 - Wall Suction
- Where available, use low pressure wall suction.
- Do not apply constant suction above cuff. Use brief, intermittent occlusion of the thumb control valve.
- Above-cuff suctioning should be performed at least once per shift or as per the following:

### SCHEDULE

### VOICING
- Wait 72 hours post initial insertion before using the Suctionaid TT for voicing.
- Patient able/unable to use the Suctionaid TT for voicing:

### SCHEDULE

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