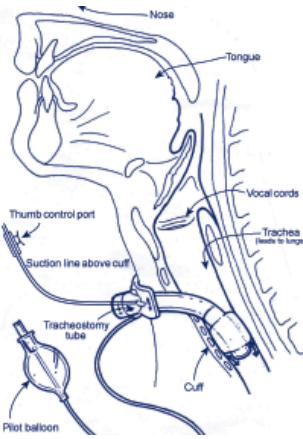
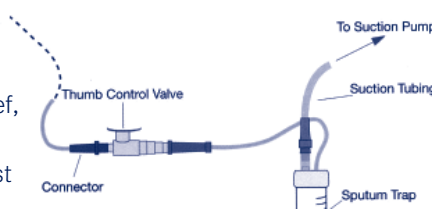


# Use of the Portex Suctionaid Tracheostomy Tube

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Note: This is a supporting document only. Clinicians are advised to use the Tracheostomy Clinical Procedure: The BlueLine Ultra Suctionaid Tracheostomy Tube as a primary instruction.

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

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| <p><b>TUBE INFORMATION</b></p>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Suctionaid tracheostomy tube (TT) is a cuffed, tube which has an above-cuff suction line and thumb control valve (port).</li> <li>The Suctionaid TT allows the clinician to remove pooled subglottic secretions via above-cuff suctioning.</li> <li>The tube also provides the opportunity for speech in the presence of an inflated cuff (it is a type of 'talking tracheostomy tube').</li> </ul>    |
| <p><b>ABOVE CUFF SUCTIONING</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suction above the cuff with caution.</li> <li>Do not continue to suction for only minimal amount of secretions due to the risk of upper airway trauma.</li> </ul> <p><b>Method 1 - Syringe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use a 10 ml syringe, applying negative pressure with the plunger.</li> </ul> <p><b>Method 2 - Wall Suction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where available, use low pressure wall suction.</li> <li>Do not apply constant suction above cuff. Use brief, intermittent occlusion of the thumb control valve.</li> <li>Above-cuff suctioning should be performed at least <b>once per shift</b> or as per the following:<br/>                 _____</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>VOICING</b></p>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Wait 72 hours post initial insertion before using the Suctionaid TT for voicing.</b></li> <li>Patient <b>able/unable</b> to use the Suctionaid TT for voicing:<br/>                 _____</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>CONTACT</b></p>               | <p>_____ Speech Pathologist</p> <p>_____ Pager or TRAMS pager 1291</p>  |

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