

# Use of the Portex Suctionaid Tracheostomy Tube

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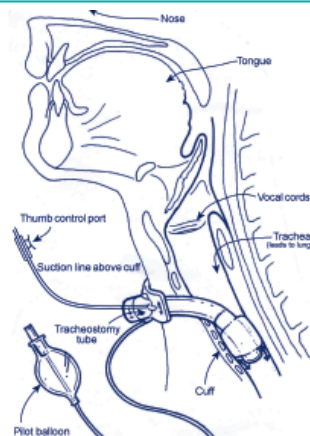
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Note: This is a supporting document only. Clinicians are advised to use the Tracheostomy Clinical Procedure: The BlueLine Ultra Suctionaid Tracheostomy Tube as a primary instruction.

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

## 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

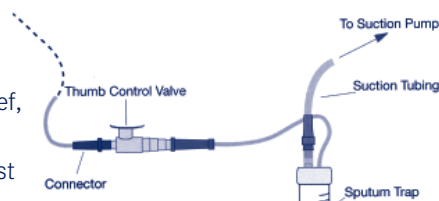
- Suction above the cuff with caution.
- Do not continue to suction for only minimal amount of secretions due to the risk of upper airway trauma.

### 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

\_\_\_\_\_ Litres medical or oxygen \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTACT

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