

# Use of the Portex Suctionaid & Blue Line Ultra Tracheostomy Tubes

## Patient's details:

UR: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Given Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Clinical Instruction Sheet

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## Tube Information & Inner Cannula

- Both tracheostomy tubes have an AIR-FILLED cuff. The pilot balloon is blue
- The Suctionaid tracheostomy has an additional sub-glottic port (Suctionaid line) which has 2 possible functions:
  - a) Removes pooled subglottic secretions using above-cuff suctioning
  - b) Enables above-cuff voicing  
(if patient has been assessed as suitable by a Speech Pathologist - see clinical instruction sheet for above-voicing)
- An inner cannula can be used with this tracheostomy tube and can be ordered from Sterile Stores
- Insert into tracheostomy tube. You should feel a slight snap once inserted in the correct position
- Clean the inner cannula with the brush type cleaner and tepid tap water. Allow to air dry
- Discard the inner cannula every two weeks and the cleaning brush every 24 hours



Portex Suctionaid



Portex Blue Line Ultra



Portex inner cannula



Portex cleaning brush

## Cuff Inflation

- The cuff of the Portex Suctionaid or Blue Line Ultra ® tracheostomy tubes are filled with air
- Measure the cuff pressure with a cuff pressure manometer (normal range 20-30mmHg)
- The Tracoe Smart Cuff Manager can be used with this tube



## Above-Cuff Suctioning (Suctionaid only)

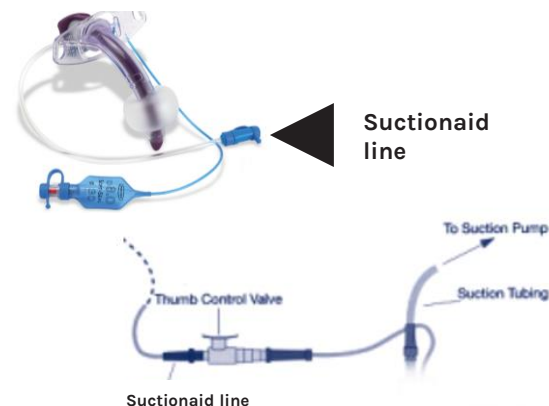
Above cuff suctioning should be performed prior to cuff deflation to minimise secretions entering the lungs or more frequently if instructed

### METHOD 1: SYRINGE

- Attach a 10ml syringe to the Suctionaid line and gently withdraw the plunger

### METHOD 2: WALL SUCTION

- Attach the Thumb Control Valve to the Suctionaid line and attach low-pressure wall suction
- Apply brief, intermittent occlusion of the thumb control valve



Suctionaid line

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## Contact

Clinician: \_\_\_\_\_ TEAMS/pager \_\_\_\_\_ or TRAMS (x3095)

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