

NHS CATS
Children's Acute Transport Service



Clinical Guidelines

Tracheostomy

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When transporting a child with a tracheostomy in situ, the following information will need to be handed over.

Consider completing the following as a bedside poster.

Required Information:

This patient has a		
New TRACHEOSTOMY		
Patient ID:	<i>Patient Label / Details</i>	 Indicate on this diagram any sutures in place
Tracheostomy:	Add tube specification including cuff or inner tube ____ mm ID, ____ mm distal length	
Suction:	____ FG Catheter to Depth ____ cm	
UPPER AIRWAY ABNORMALITY: Yes / No Document laryngoscopy grade and notes on upper airway management or patient specific resuscitation plans		
Due 1st tracheostomy change: ____ / ____ / ____ (by ENT ONLY)		
In an Emergency: Call 2222 and request the Resuscitation Team and ENT surgeon Follow the Emergency Paediatric Tracheostomy Management Algorithm on reverse		

Clinical Handover information

	Tube size and patency	
Documentation completed	4T's	Tape tension correct
	Trache box contents checked	

Trache box contents:

A spare tracheostomy tube (same size/make)

A spare tracheostomy tube (one size smaller than above)

Syringe if a cuffed tube is used

Water-based lubricant

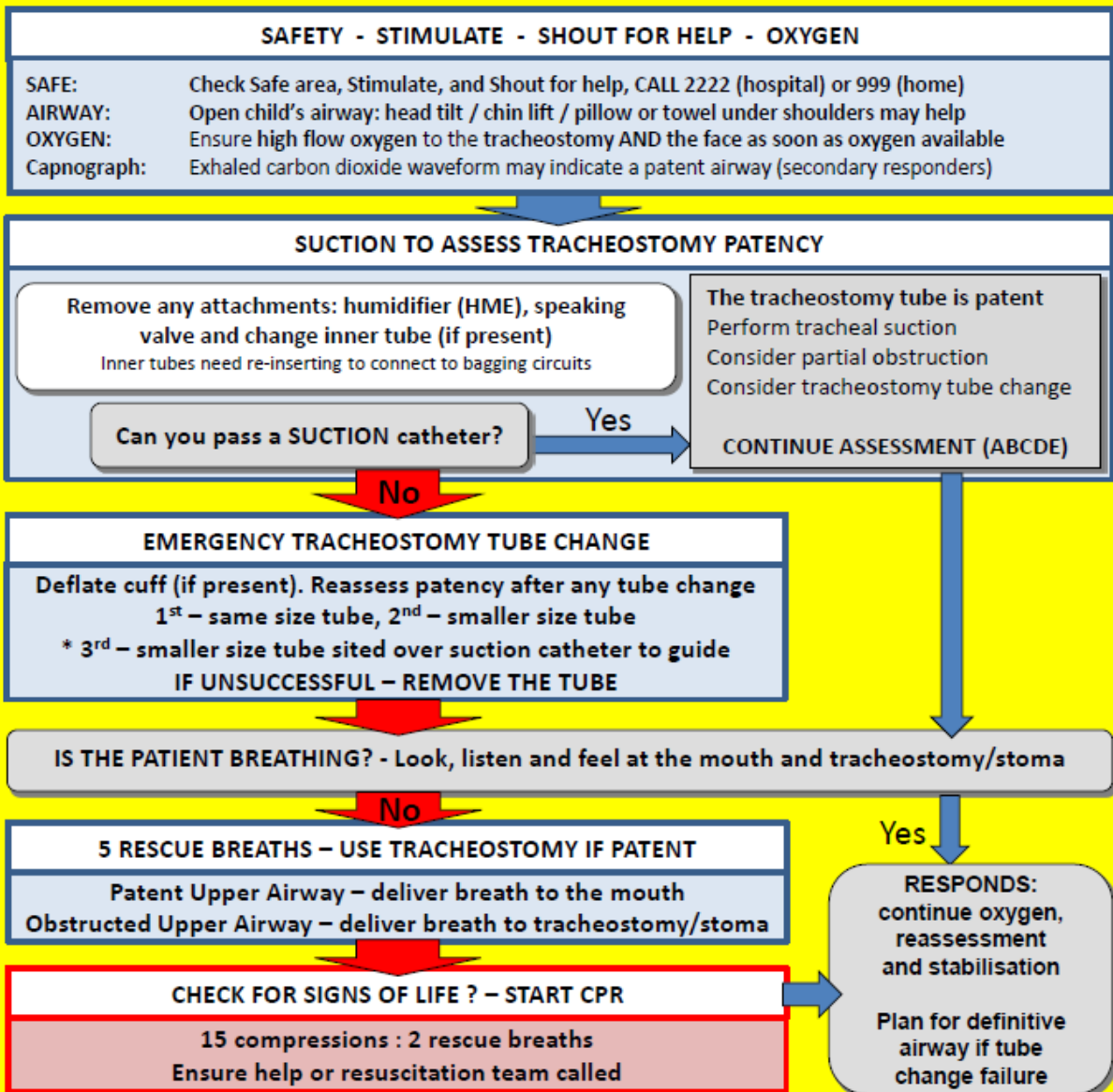
Scissors

Spare tracheostomy tapes

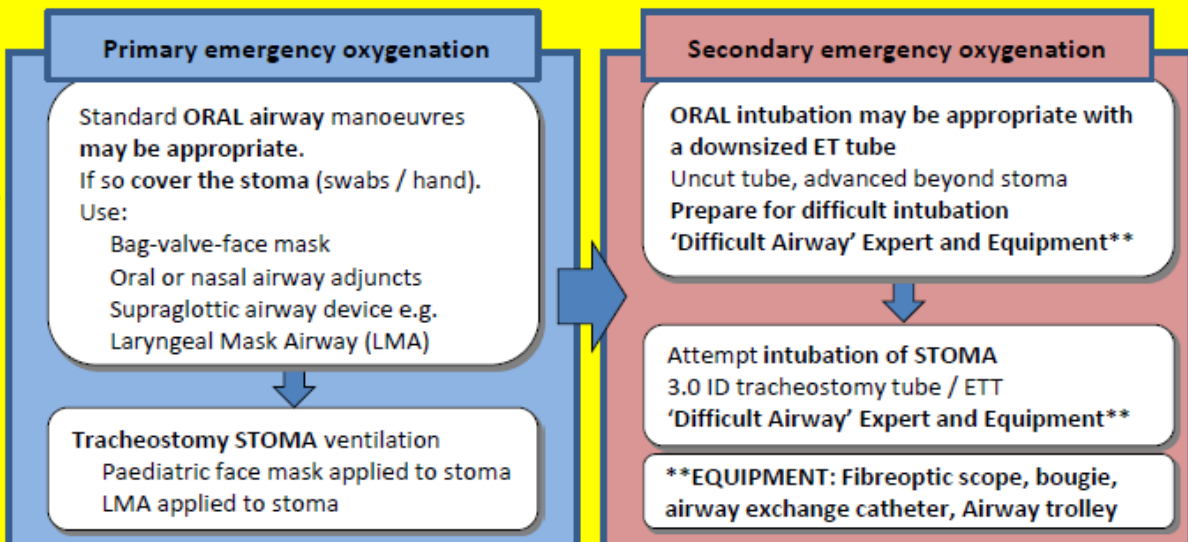
A suction catheter (correct size for the Seldinger technique)

Emergency Paediatric Tracheostomy Management

Basic Response



Advanced Response



*3-smaller size tube sited over suction catheter to guide: to be used if out of hospital

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