



STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

PATIENTS WITH COMPROMISED AIRWAY
Tracheostomy Tubes
(may not require 24/7 ventilation)

AIM	TO MAINTAIN A SAFE AIRWAY FOR ALL PATIENTS
STATEMENT	DUE TO THEIR SPINAL PARALYSIS THIS PATIENT REQUIRES A TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE TO ASSIST THEIR RESPIRATORY FUNCTION
COMMUNICATION	ALL CARERS ARE TRAINED IN MANAGING SPINAL CORD INJURED PATIENTS WHO REQUIRE A TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE. THE CARER MUST BE FULLY QUALIFIED IN ALL ASPECT OF THE PATIENT'S CARE NEEDS INCLUDING EMERGENCY TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE CHANGE AND AIRWAY MANAGEMENT.
STAFFNG REQUIREMENTS	ALL TRACHEOSTOMY PATIENT'S REQUIRE 1 CARER 24/7 IN CASE OF BLOCKED TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE OR EPISODE OF AUTONOMIC DYSREFLEXIA
PROCEDURE	CARERS MUST BE ABLE TO SEE THE PATIENT AT ALL TIMES
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	HIGH SPINAL CORD INJURED PATIENTS MAY ALSO SUFFER FROM A LIFE THREATENING CONDITION KNOWN AS AUTONOMIC DYSREFEXIA

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VENTILATOR DEPENDENT PATIENTS



AIM	TO MAINTAIN A SAFE AIRWAY AND VENTILATION FOR ALL SPINAL CORD-INJURED VENTILATOR PATIENTS
STATEMENT	DUE TO THEIR PARALYSIS SOME HIGH SPINAL CORD INJURED PATIENTS ARE UNABLE TO BREATHE INDEPENDENTLY OF THE VENTILATOR
COMMUNICATION	ALL CARERS ARE TRAINED IN MANAGING SPINAL CORD INJURED VENTILATOR PATIENTS. ONE CARER MUST BE FULLY QUALIFIED IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE PATIENTS CARE NEEDS. THE SECOND CARER MUST BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT EMERGENCY AIRWAY MANAGEMENT TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE INDIVIDUAL PATIENT
STAFFING REQUIREMENTS	ALL VENTILATOR-DEPENDENT PATIENTS REQUIRE TWO CARERS 24/7 . THIS IS REQUIRED IN CASE OF DISCONNECTION OR BLOCKAGE OF TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE, VENTILATOR FAILURE OR AUTONOMIC DYSREFLEXIA EPISODE.
PROCEDURE	CARERS MUST BE ABLE TO SEE THE PATIENT AT ALL TIMES
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	HIGH SPINAL CORD INJURED PATIENTS MAY ALSO SUFFER FROM A LIFE THREATENING CONDITION KNOWN AS AUTONOMIC DYSREFLEXIA