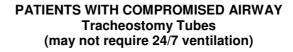


QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL SPINAL INJURIES UNIT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE





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 ALL TRACHEOSTOMY PATIENT'S REQUIRE 1 CARER **24/7** IN CASE

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 HIGH SPINAL CORD INJURED PATIENTS

COMMENTS MAY ALSO SUFFER FROM A LIFE

THREATENING CONDITION KNOWN AS

AUTONOMIC DYSREFEXIA



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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

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 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.

REQUIREMENTS

PROCEDURE CARERS MUST BE ABLE TO SEE THE

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