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Respiratory Care Services Policy and Procedure Manual

Policy and Procedure:	TrachStay™
Area: Respiratory Care Services	Performed by: Respiratory Care Practitioners

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POLICY

This policy assures the standardized use of the **TrachStay™** for securing the tracheostomy tube and the ventilator circuit, in-line suction system or other supplemental gas delivery systems.

PURPOSE

The purpose is to provide an easily implemented protocol to be used by the Respiratory Care Practitioner with effective guidelines and consistent instruction for use and patient application of **TrachStay™** anti-disconnect device.

DEFINITION

To ensure safety, the patient with a tracheostomy should have a securing device to keep the mechanical ventilator connector attached to the tracheostomy tube. Tube holder refers to a device that holds an artificial airway, such as a tracheostomy, in place so that the airway is not accidentally dislodged.

SETTINGS

The tracheostomy tube should be placed and secured in an environment in which the patient can be physiologically monitored and in which emergency equipment and appropriately trained health care providers with airway management skills are immediately available.

EQUIPMENT

B&B TrachStay™ (yellow anti-disconnect device), Tracheostomy Collar, Alcohol Swabs, Bandage Scissors, Skin and Oral Care Supplies, Suction setup with an appropriate size suction catheter and an oral attachment.

PROCEDURE

A. Application/Preparation Steps

1. Clean the patient's neck and tracheostomy site to remove all secretions and moisture.
2. Once you have removed the TrachStay from the package, open the white VELCRO® loop by separating the hook and loop.

B: Application/Action Steps

1. Place the ring over the tracheostomy tube 15mm connector until it rests on the flange.
2. Starting with one side, release the tracheostomy collar VELCRO® brand hook, without removing it from the tracheostomy flange. Slip the VELCRO® brand hook of the collar through the yellow ring and reattach it to the collar (Figure 2).
3. Release the tracheostomy collar on the other side and slip the VELCRO® brand hook of the collar through the yellow ring and reattach the VELCRO® brand hook to the collar.
4. Attach the mechanical ventilator airway adapter to the tracheostomy (Figure 3).
5. Place the white VELCRO® brand straps of the anti-disconnect over the attached device and secure VELCRO® brand hook to loop.

C: Documentation

Chart the Time, Date and appropriate documentation on the Ventilator flow Sheet.

D. Precautions and Adverse Effects

1. Inspect the patient's tracheostomy site and connection Q-Shift, prn or per hospital policy to assure device is working correctly.
2. The TrachStay Anti-Disconnect Device may get discolored with secretions, blood or other bodily fluids, change as necessary or per hospital policy.
3. Support the ventilator tubing to reduce pressure on the tracheostomy tube.
4. The TrachStay is intended for single patient use.

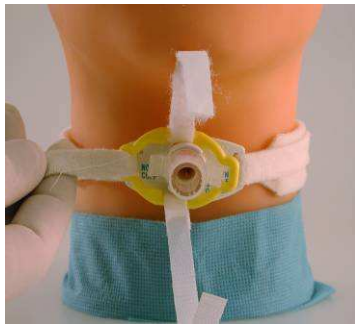


Figure 1

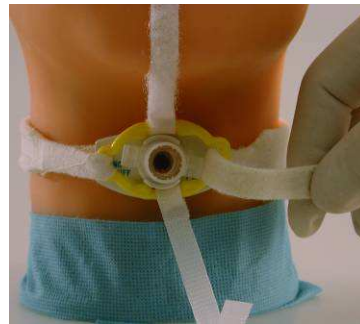


Figure 2



Figure 3

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