

Emergency equipment for an adult patient with a tracheostomy

The list of recommended emergency equipment was developed by the clinicians who contributed to the Care of adult patients in acute care facilities with a tracheostomy: Clinical practice guide. The actual equipment required may vary according to local health district and unit guidelines.

Emergency equipment should be securely kept in a self-contained box, bag or pack to ensure all equipment is available for emergency management and checked each shift.

- Tracheostomy emergency flow chart
- Manual resuscitator and adult face mask
- Size two silicone, circular paediatric face mask (to apply to stoma)
- Personal protective equipment including gloves, disposable apron and goggles
- Tracheostomy mask with tubing
- Non-rebreather mask
- Y-suction catheters size appropriate for tracheostomy tube
- Yankauer suction catheter and tubing attached to suction source
- Tracheal dilators
- Lubricant
- Spare cuffed tracheostomy tubes same size and one smaller
- Spare inner cannula
- Cuff Manometer and 10mL syringe
- Sterile scissors
- Suture remover
- Occlusive dressing
- Spare ties and tapes
- Dressing pack
- 10mL saline ampoules
- Stethoscope
- Disposable bronchoscope (located in the department if equipment and expert operator available).