

Emergency Tracheostomy/Ventilator Supplies:

Children with tracheostomies must always have emergency supplies and equipment nearby so that in the case of an emergency the equipment and information required to deal with that emergency is readily available.

FAMILY Emergency Kit (MUST be with your child at all times):

- Obturator from current tracheostomy tube
- 2 extra tracheostomy tubes (current size and one size smaller)
- Prepared trach ties
- 2 Suction catheters (current size)
- Sterile Normal Saline syringes for instillation
- Scissors and Tweezers or Forceps
- Sterile water soluble lubricant
- Hand sanitizer and disposable gloves
- Barrier device
- Delee suction

FAMILY MUST keep with their child's Emergency Kit:

- Fully charged suction machine, charger, and suction supplies (including water and cups for rinsing catheters)
- Trach dressings, cotton tipped applicators, alcohol swabs
- HMEs as appropriate
- Trach information, Emergency algorithms (paper copies)
- Contact information – Family, Health Care Team, Emergency
- We recommend having access to a phone at all times

FAMILY SHOULD also have as supplies at home:

- Fully charged second suction machine and charger, suction filters, canisters, and tubings

IF VENTILATED: FAMILY MUST also have:

- Ventilator charger, spare circuit, spare connectors, ventilator settings, ROP contact information, and a bagger with mask/connector along with their child's Emergency Kit
- Second ventilator and charger, spare circuits, spare connectors, humidifier supplies, HME's as supplies at home

If your child requires Oxygen, having extra Oxygen supplies as appropriate for your child (tubing, connectors) would be helpful

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