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Tracheostomy and Ventilator Education Program Module 1: Introduction

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Learning about your child's trach

- A basic introduction about life with a trach
- Your child now has a trach
- You will be learning about how to care for your child and their needs
- Your health care team will help you with this

Learning about your child's trach

- No matter why your child has a trach, your health care team is going to help you learn how to care for your child and answer your questions about your child
- Your health care team will help you work towards going home if your child is stable enough to do so
- Your child's job is to grow and develop and learn, and your job is to learn how to help support them in this and keep them safe with their trach
- You will learn about going home, caregivers in your home, equipment, suctioning, trach care, safety, emergency preparedness, and discharge planning

Learning about your child's trach

- You will learn how to safely care for your child while you are in the hospital and will be able to practice the skills that you are learning as many times as you need
- You will be supported by your health care team while you learn these skills
- Please ask your health care team any questions about caring for your child