



Developing an Interdisciplinary Tracheostomy Management Team

Variations in tracheostomy management and care without a tracheostomy team

- Tracheostomy procedure
- Tracheostomy care
- Cuff deflation / inflation
- Referrals for PMV and swallowing
- Downsizing
- Decannulation
- Patient / family education

What is a tracheostomy team?

- A dedicated multidisciplinary group of medical professionals who specialize in the management of tracheostomy practice

Developing a tracheostomy team

- Peruse the research
- Survey staff
- Gather institutional data
- Review current practice, protocols, policies
- Gather your team
- Decision-making

Implementing and maintaining a tracheostomy team

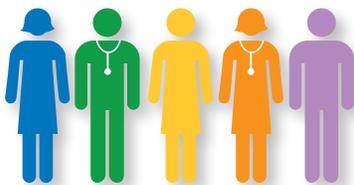
- Develop team goals and tasks
- Attend rounds
- Develop and deliver patient, family, staff education
- Participate in continuous quality improvement projects
- Develop policies, protocols, and patient education documents

RT and SLP teamwork

- Early intervention for in-line Passy Muir use and swallowing intervention

Benefits of a tracheostomy team

- Standardized tracheostomy practice throughout the institution
- Cost-savings to the institution
- Reduced risks associated with trach tube
- Improved infection control
- Improved ventilator weaning
- Improved staff knowledge, skills, and confidence
- Improved continuity of care and quality of care
- Improved patient communication, safety, and quality of life



KEY POINTS/NOTES
