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| EMERGENCY TRACH CARE | | | | NO. 72 | |
| In case of accidental extubation of a tracheostomy tube, a packaged sterile trach tube set and obturator are kept at each intubated resident’s bedside for quick access. Each licensed nurse, RN and LPN will be instructed on the procedure for replacing a tracheostomy tube and inserviced yearly by a Licensed Respiratory Therapist.  **Procedure For Accidental Extubation of a Tracheostomy Tube**   1. Have someone page other on-duty nurse stat to room where you are located. Do not leave resident unattended. 2. Open sterile trach set and place obturator in trach opening as instructed. 3. Reassure the resident and explain what you are doing. 4. When the other nurse arrives, have her obtain Oxygen. 5. Place sterile tracheostomy tube into opening after quickly removing obturator as instructed. 6. Secure tube while other nurse fastens trach ties. 7. Administer Oxygen per trach mask at 3 LPM until stable. 8. Notify doctor immediately for further instructions. Have someone stay with resident at all times until stable. 9. Notify DON of incident once resident is stable.   **Addendum**: Initial instruction with successful return demonstration, along with yearly inservice attendance, will be kept by DON. Only those Licensed Nurses current with the above guidelines will be assigned to a wing with a tracheostomy intubated resident. | | | | | |
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