



## *Tracheal Suction*

Model #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

### Setting up your equipment:

- Place suction machine on flat surface
- Connect power cord to grounded outlet
- Connect tubing to machine
- Connect suction catheter or tonsil tip to tubing
- Turn machine "ON"

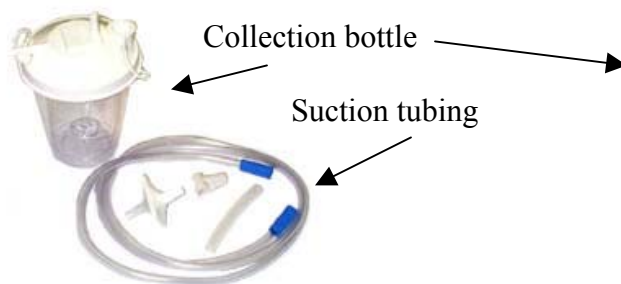
### Using your equipment:

- With machine on flat surface, use the vacuum gauge to set vacuum resistance.
- Administer suction as demonstrated by your delivery technician and prescribed by your physician.

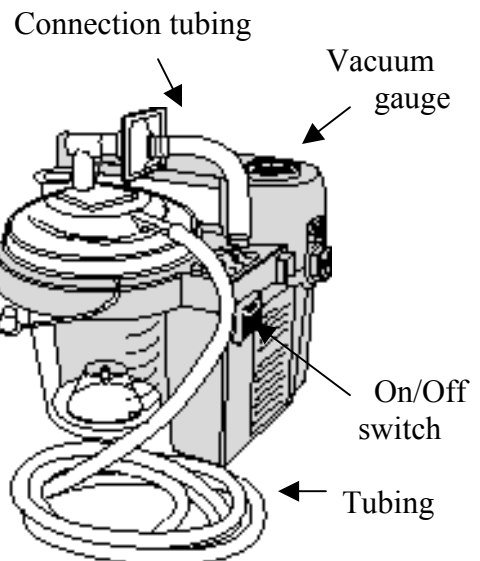
### Frequent replacement items:

- Suction catheters
- Tonsil tip catheters
- Suction tubing & collection bottle (Diagram 2)

**Diagram 2**



**Diagram 1**



**Special Procedures:**

For Endotracheal Suctioning –

- Wash your hands.
- Open suction catheter kit.
- Prepare oxygen source (if applicable).
- Open sterile water or normal saline.
- Fill container with sterile water or normal saline.
- Glove one hand with sterile glove and other with non-sterile glove.
- Using hand with sterile glove, pick up suction at end containing control port.
- Connect suction catheter to long suction line by using hand with non-sterile glove. Keep fingers off of the suction port.
- Using non-sterile hand, turn suction machine “ON”.
- Keeping fingers off the suction port, gently introduce catheter via appropriate route (e.g. tube, tracheal tube). Once resistance has been met, retract catheter 1-2 cm and begin applying suction by covering suction port intermittently.
- Apply intermittent suction as catheter is being removed. Rotate catheter while removing. Limit suction time to less than 15 seconds.
- Once catheter has been removed, rinse catheter and tubing by suctioning up sterile water and/or normal saline.
- Detach catheter from suction tubing, remove glove and dispose of glove, catheter and suction kit.
- Wash your hands.
- Note thickness, color and amount of secretions. Record this information.

**Maintenance:**

- Clean collection unit (bottle) daily with hot soapy water; rinsing in warm water.
- Clean tubing using 1 part distilled white vinegar and 2 parts tap water. Suck cleaning solution through tubing into collection unit.
- Rinse tubing with clean water.
- Let parts air-dry.

**Safety Issues:**

- Do not use higher levels of suction than prescribed.
- Be sure unit is plugged into a grounded outlet.
- Contact dealer with any malfunction or faulty part on unit.

**Please contact your equipment provider for any questions, adjustments, or repairs.**

Your local provider:



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