

Tracheal Suction

Set Up

- 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

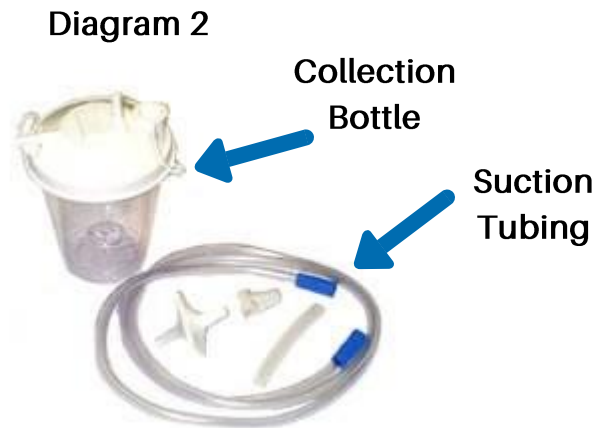
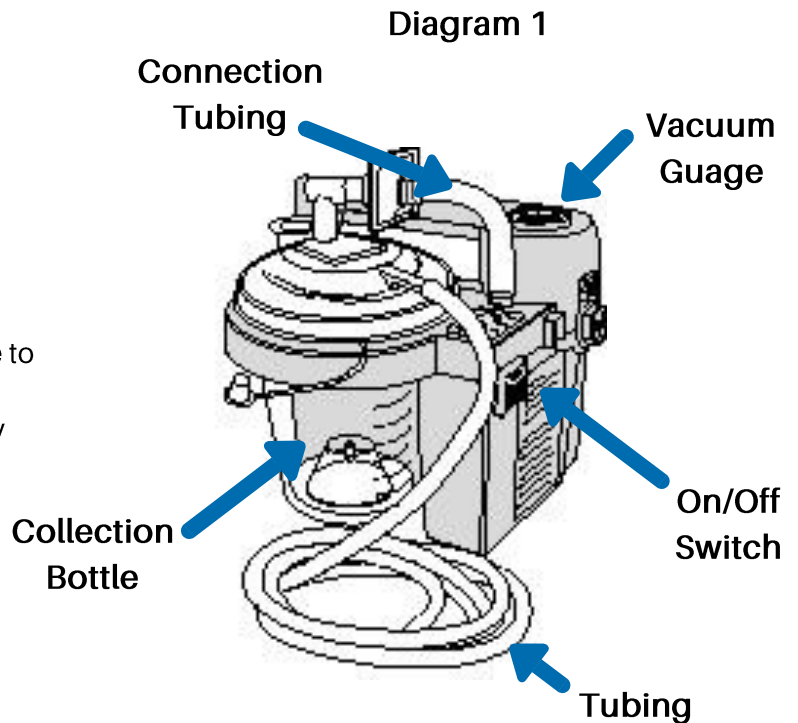
- Suction catheters
- Tonsil tip catheters
- Suction tubing & collection bottle **Diagram 2)**

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

- 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.



Special Procedures

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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 control port.
- Using non-sterile hand, turn suction machine "ON".
- Using sterile hand, pick up catheter at the control end containing the control port.
- Gently insert catheter into the nose until the patient coughs.
- Cover the control valve to apply suction. When patient coughs, remove catheter. Rotate catheter while removing.
- Allow patient to breath normally before reinserting catheter.
- If necessary, put a few drops of normal saline into nose to thin out thick secretions.
- Repeat suctioning until nose is clear.
- 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.