

Children with Tracheostomies using Velcro Tapes

Patient name:

Hospital number:

Date care plan commenced: / /

DOB: / /

Consultant:

Name of nurse

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Problem: Velcro tapes are being used to secure the tracheostomy tube and without the appropriate care could become loose, resulting in tracheostomy tube becoming dislodged.

Aims: For Velcro tapes to remain secure maintaining a safe and secure airway

NURSING ACTIONS: **delete if not appropriate.*

1. Ensure manufacturer's instructions are followed as to correct and safe usage also refer to trust guidelines.
2. Allocated nurse to check Velcro tapes are secure at the **commencement of each shift** and at **regular 4 hourly intervals** throughout the shift, documenting appropriately.
3. Velcro tapes must be **changed daily**.
4. To observe tapes during all nursing cares including dressing, changing position and bedding changes, to ensure they remain secure and reduce the chance of accidental decannulation of tracheostomy tube.
5. They are **single use** and should not be washed and reused as Velcro will become worn and therefore less effective.

Additional cares to be included:

This should include negotiated care with parents around best time to give feeds, likes and dislikes, drinks choice and utensils used, after care etc and dietitians instructions.

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