

Nurse: _____ Date: _____

Instructor: _____

Emergency Skill Assessment Competency Checklist

***Refer to Trainer Preparation- Scenario 2**

Emergency Scenario: Plug in trach (continuation from Scenario 1)

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Expected Interventions	Instructor Initials/date
Nurse attempts to suction using normal saline	
Nurse determines if he/she has adequate access to trach site—child may need to be removed from stroller	
Nurse attempts to give breaths with Ambu bag to see if air will pass	
Nurse performs an emergency trach change	
Nurse gives a few manual breaths with oxygen	
Once child returns to baseline and trach is secure, then nurse places child back on ventilator	
Nurse communicates change in status to parent/provider	
Nurse documents event	

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Learning objectives:

1. Identify signs of respiratory distress
2. Recognize signs of plug in trach
3. Demonstrate appropriate interventions for plug in trach, including emergency trach change

Nurse initial assessment (cues to give trainee of mannequin's appearance):

Vital signs:

- Respiratory Rate: 20 above baseline

Airway: plugged

Color: dusky

Work of breathing: retractions with nasal flaring and poor air movement

Expected Interventions:

- Upon recognition of respiratory distress, nurse attempts to use Ambu bag
- Nurse recognizes trach is plugged and attempts to suction
- When suctioning does not clear the plug, nurse initiates emergency trach change
- Once trach is changed and baby is showing signs of being back to baseline, nurse will contact parent and physician to update about event