
	Metropolitan Ambulance Service		Rural Ambulance Victoria
	Work Instruction	Mechanical Suction Yankauer Rigid Sucker	
	Version 1 1/3/01		
	EQUIPMENT:	Suction Source, Yankauer Rigid Sucker	
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STAGES	KEY POINTS	RATIONALE
	Utilises standard infection control precautions.(Refer WI 1.1)	
1. Prepare patient	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Manual airway clearance (refer WI 2.2.1). Triple airway manoeuvre if required (refer WI 2.2.2). 	
2. Prepare equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Position suction device conveniently. Attach Yankauer sucker to suction tubing. 	
3. Introduce sucker into patient's mouth	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Turn on suction control device. Open patient's mouth. Insert sucker into lower corner of mouth with care. 	To minimise tissue damage.
4. Apply suction.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Occlude catheter control hole for no greater than 5 seconds whilst slowly withdrawing catheter. Move tip of catheter within oral cavity to remove secretions as required. Flush line with water, if possible, to keep sucker patent. Repeat as required 	
5. Check	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Airway clearance. Maintain patient's posture. 	

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ACTIVITY	CRITICAL PERFORMANCE	PASS	FAIL
	Utilises standard infection control precautions.(Refer WI 1.1)
1. Prepare patient	1. Performs manual clearance (refer WI 2.2.1). 2. Performs triple airway manoeuvre if required (refer WI 2.2.2).*....
2. Prepare equipment	1. Positions suction device conveniently. 2. Attaches Yankauer sucker to suction tubing.
3. Introduce catheter into patient's mouth	1. Turns on suction control device. 2. Opens patient's mouth. 3. Inserts sucker into lower corner of mouth with care.
4. Apply suction	1. Occludes catheter control hole for no greater than 5 seconds whilst slowly withdrawing catheter. 2. Moves tip of catheter within oral cavity to remove secretions as required. 3. Flushes line with water, if possible, to keep sucker patent. 4. Repeat's as required*....
5. Check	1. Performs airway clearance. 2. Maintains patient's posture.

CANDIDATES NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Comments:

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Satisfactory
practical
performance

Unsatisfactory
practical
performance