

**THE PASSY-MUIR  
TRACHEOSTOMY  
&  
VENTILATOR  
SWALLOWING &  
SPEAKING VALVES**

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**Tracheotomy**

- Indications for tracheotomy
  - Prolonged intubation
  - Need for long term mechanical ventilation
  - Need for permanent tracheostomy tube

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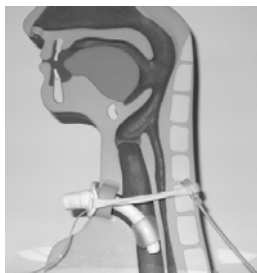
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**Tracheostomy Cuffs**



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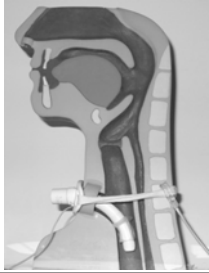
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## Tracheostomy Cuffs



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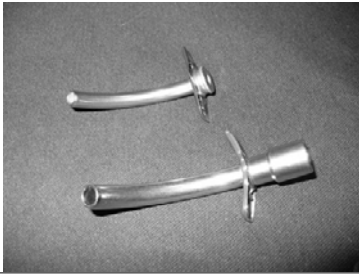
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## Tracheostomy Tubes



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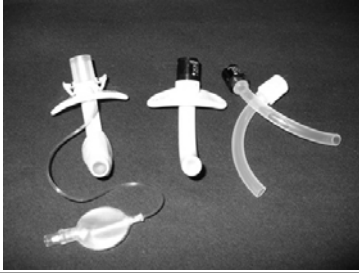
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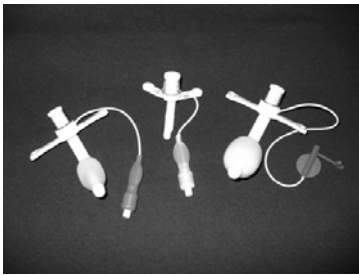
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## Tracheostomy Tubes



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## Open Tracheostomy Tube

- **Inflated Cuff**
  - Breathing in and out through the tube only
  - No airflow through the upper airway
  - Lack of vocal production

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## Open Tracheostomy Tube

- **Inflated Cuff**

- Decreased sense of smell/taste
- Risk of tissue necrosis
- Cuff impingement on esophagus can cause reflux

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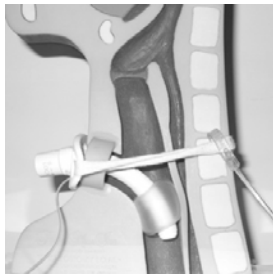
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## Tracheostomy Cuffs



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## Definition of Aspiration

- Any material that has penetrated beneath the level of the vocal cords

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## Increased Risk of Aspiration

- The cuff of the trach tube can tether the larynx
  - The larynx does not elevate
  - The epiglottis does not flap down to protect the airway

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## Increased Risk of Aspiration

- Lack of airflow through the upper airway
  - Lack of sensation in the oropharynx
  - Patient cannot feel pooled secretions or material

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## Increased Risk of Aspiration

- Lack of airflow through the upper airway
  - Vocal cords remain in an open position because there is no airflow past the baroreceptors (pressure receptors) beneath vocal cords.

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## Increased Risk of Aspiration

- Lack of subglottic pressure
  - Decreased swallowing efficiency
  - Increased risk of aspiration
  - Can lead to feeding tube placement

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## Lack of Airway Pressure

- Decreases effectiveness of cough
  - Patient is unable to mobilize secretions effectively
  - Patient is suctioned more frequently

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## Lack of Airway Pressure

- Decreased physiologic PEEP
  - Decreased gas exchange due to reduced surface area of alveoli
  - Decreased oxygenation
  - Possible atelectasis

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**Open Position Valves**

- Secretions travel up the tube and occlude the valve
- For communication only

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**Passy-Muir Valves**

- Closed Position “no leak” design

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**Positive Closure Video**

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**Physiologic Benefits  
of the  
Passy-Muir Valves**

- Improved voice production

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**Physiologic Benefits  
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- Improved sense of smell/taste

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**Physiologic Benefits  
of the  
Passy-Muir Valves**

- Restoration of normal physiology prevents aspiration
  - Deflated cuff allows for increased laryngeal elevation

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## Physiologic Benefits of the Passy-Muir Valves

- Restoration of normal physiology prevents aspiration
  - Airflow over the baroreceptors allows the vocal cords to move into a closed position
  - Improved sensation in the oropharynx allows the patient to sense pooled secretions

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## Physiologic Benefits of the Passy-Muir Valves

- Restoration of subglottic pressure facilitates a better swallow and decreases the risk of aspiration
  - Swallow is not only mechanical, but a pneumatic system as well.
  - The patient has a more efficient and effective cough

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## Physiologic Benefits of the Passy-Muir Valves

- Improved Swallowing
  1. Deflated cuff = elevated larynx
  2. Closed vocal cords
  3. Restored airflow = improved sensation
  4. Restored subglottic pressure

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**MBS  
Split Screen  
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**Physiologic Benefits  
of the  
Passy-Muir Valves**

- Improved Secretion Management
  - Improved cough
  - Decreased suctioning needs
  - Decreased risk of tracheal damage

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**Physiologic Benefits  
of the  
Passy-Muir Valves**

- Restored physiological PEEP
  - Improved oxygen saturation levels due to improved gas exchange
  - Decreased risk of atelectasis

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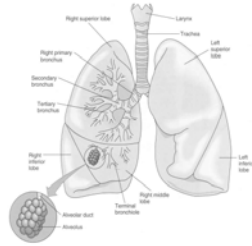
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- Gas exchange occurs across alveolar membrane




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## Physiologic Benefits of the Passy-Muir Valves

- Improves decannulation
  - Utilization of expiratory muscles
  - Restoration of normal physiology

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## Physiologic Benefits of the Passy-Muir Valves

- Expedites Weaning
  - Utilization of expiratory muscles
  - Restoration of normal physiology

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## Physiologic Benefits of the Passy-Muir Valves

- Psychological enhancement
- Improved Quality of Life

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## Cost Effectiveness of PMV Use

- Facilitates Staff/Patient Communication
- Decreased Risk of Infection
- Reduced Suctioning Needs
- Improves Swallow, May Reduce Aspiration
- Decreases Weaning/Decannulation Time

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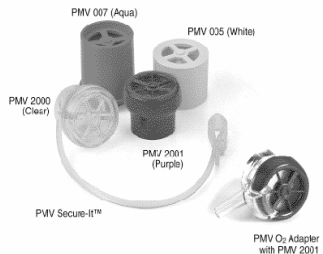
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Passy-Muir Tracheostomy & Ventilator Speaking Valves

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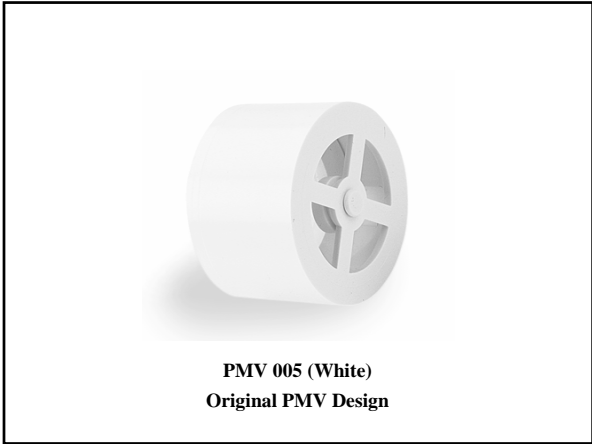
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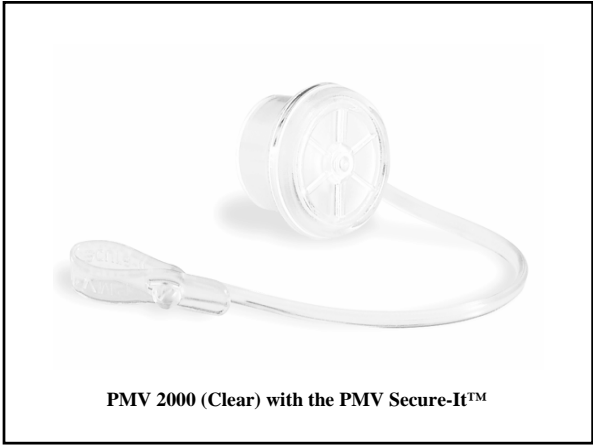
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**Assessment  
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Placement**

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## **Patient Selection**

- **Cognitive Status-Awake, Responsive, Attempting to Communicate**
- **Medically Stable**
- **Able to Tolerate Cuff Deflation**
- **Able to Manage Secretions**
- **Swallow Status/Risk for Aspiration**

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## **Patient Assessment**

- **Upper Airway Patency**
  - **Patient must be able to exhale sufficiently past the tracheostomy tube**
  - **Patent upper airway**

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## **Patient Assessment**

- **Upper Airway Patency**
  - **Sizing of Tracheostomy Tube**
  - **Presence and Degree of Stenosis and/or Granulation Tissue (Inhalation vs. Exhalation Considerations)**
  - **Foam-Filled Cuff**
  - **Edema**
  - **Secretions**

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## To Assess for Upper Airway Patency

- Deflate Cuff
  - Vocalize on Exhalation
  - Cough
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## To Assess for Upper Airway Patency

With the Pediatric or Very Anxious Adult, Use Mirrors, Cotton, Feathers, Whistles or Bubbles to Assist with the Oral Exhalation Process.

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## PASSY-MUIR VALVE PLACEMENT

“Set your patient up for Success!”

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## Placement Guidelines

- Patient Education
- Peer Education
- Suctioning
- Patient Position
- Achieve Cuff Deflation
- Place Valve

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## Educate Staff

- When using the Passy-Muir Valve the cuff must be *completely* deflated
- Use the warning label provided with packaging

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Patient Care Kit

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Patient Education

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## Placement Guidelines

- Obtain Baseline Measurements:
  - Oxygenation
  - Vital Signs
  - Breath Sounds

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## Placement Guidelines

- Obtain Baseline Measurements:
  - Color
  - Work of Breathing
  - Patient Responsiveness

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## Ventilator Application

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## Ventilator Placement

- Record Ventilator Settings

- Mode
- Rate
- $V_T$
- $F_{I}O_2$
- PEEP
- PIP
- Alarms

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## Ventilator Placement

- Deflate Cuff Gradually
- Monitor PIP for Possible Changes to  $V_T$

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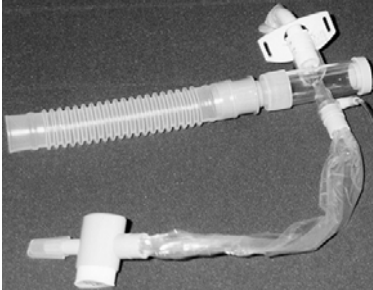
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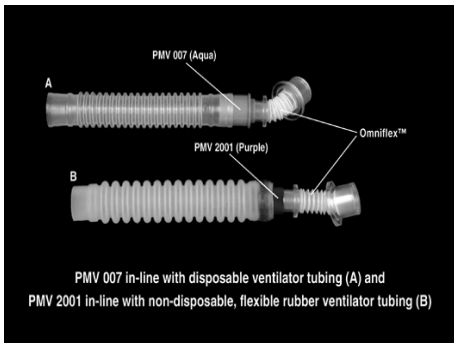
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## Ventilator Connections



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## Ventilator Assessment & Adjustments

- Volume Compensation During Cuff Deflation
- Low High Pressure Alarms
- PEEP On/Off
- Pressure vs. Flow Trigger
- Pressure Support/Pressure Control

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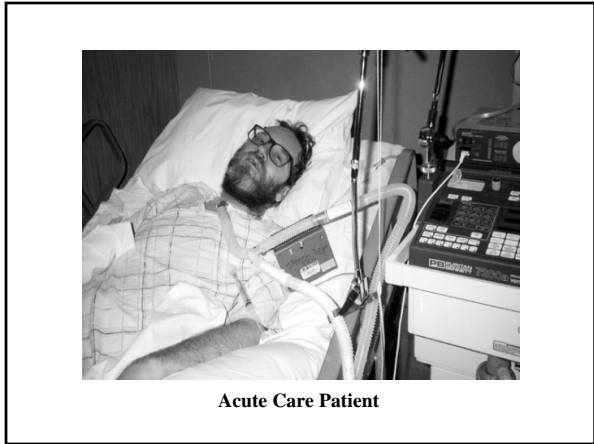
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# Mechanical Ventilation

## Humidification

- Use with Heat/Moisture Exchanger (HME)
- Use with Heated Water Pot Systems



Acute Care Patient

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Homecare Patient

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## Removal of the PMV

- Replace Original Circuit Set-Up
- Return Ventilator Settings and Alarms to Pre-PMV Parameters
- Re-Inflate Cuff, as Indicated

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## Transitioning and Troubleshooting

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Airway Patency
- Breathing Pattern Changes

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## Speech and Language Goals

- Respiration:** improve strength and coordination of respiration with phonation
  - Example:** diaphragmatic breathing, positioning timing voice with exhalation
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## Speech and Language Goals

- Phonation:** improve strength through laryngeal exercises
  - Example:** glottal attacks, resistance exercises for closure falsetto, velar sound production for elevation
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## Speech and Language Goals

- Articulation:** increased intelligibility with restored oral air pressure
  - Language/Cognition:** assess and treat, “functional” therapy
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## Swallow Evaluation

- Bedside Swallow Evaluation
- Blue-dye assessment
- FEES
- MBS
- Scintigraphy

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## Silent Aspiration

- What effect will this have on bedside evaluation

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## Dysphagia Treatment: Benefit of PMV on Swallow

- Reduce or eliminate negative impacts of tracheostomy tube/vent
- Restore a more normal swallow physiology

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## Dysphagia Treatment

- Retraining
  - Example: thermal/gustatory stimulation, Mendelsohn maneuver
- Compensatory
  - Example: supraglottic, double swallow

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## Co-Treatment Strategies

- Bed to Chair Transfers
- PT and OT Exercises
- Toileting

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## Patient Example History:

- 56 yr. old male, s/p aneurysm, respiratory failure, aspiration pneumonia, tracheotomy

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## **Patient Example History:**

- Transferred to rehab and weaned from ventilator
- Shiley # 8 cuffed tracheostomy tube
- Trach mask with supplemental oxygen
- Moderate thick, white secretions
- NPO, G-tube
- Alert, confused, attempting to communicate
- Aphonic
- Family involved

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## **Patient Example History:**

- MBS results: Silent aspiration of thin liquids, penetration of pureed, decreased laryngeal elevation and vocal cord closure, marked retention of bolus in valleculae and pyriform sinuses, no effort to clear

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## **Patient Example: Rehab Goals**

- PMV placement
- Voice
- Swallow
- Language/Cognition

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**Care, Cleaning and  
Lifetime of the  
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Speaking Valves**

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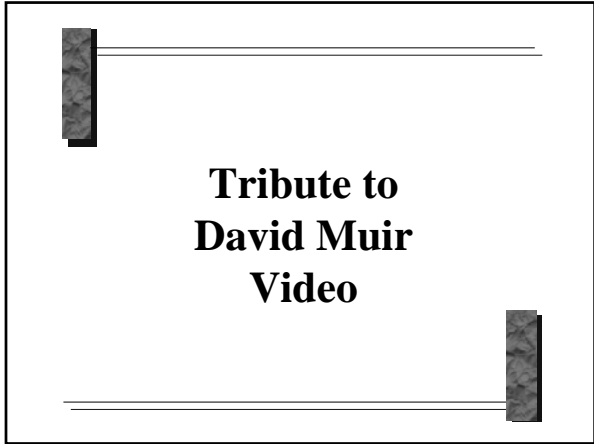
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