



Client's Name:
PHIN:

HEMOCARE ATTENDANT ASSIGNMENT TASK PLAN – CLIENT SPECIFIC

Oral Suctioning

Important Points to Remember for this Client
<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot suction past molars. Not for choking, only secretion management during respite. • <p>Date: _____ Signature: _____</p>

<p>PROBLEMS TO WATCH FOR AND REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status changes in client that could indicate an obstructed airway. Laboured breathing, gurgling sounds when breathing, impaired cough, anxiety and decreased level of consciousness. Contact family and office as soon as possible. • Equipment is not in working order.
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Procedure – Oral Suctioning
1. Wash hands.
2. Gather supplies: cup with water, Yaunker suction catheter attached to suctioning machine, towel or waterproof pad.
3. Client should be in a sitting position.
4. Wash hands and apply disposable gloves.
5. Connect one end of connecting tubing to suction machine and other end to Yaunker suction catheter. Turn on suction machine, set vacuum regulator to appropriate setting.
6. Check that suction machine is functioning properly by placing the tip of the catheter in water and suction small amount from cup.
7. Insert catheter into mouth along gum line to back molars. Move catheter around mouth until secretions have cleared.
8. Encourage client to cough.
9. Rinse catheter with water in cup until connecting tubing is clear of secretions. Turn off suction. Place catheter in clean dry area.
10. Wash client's face if secretions are present on client's skin.
11. Repeat procedure if needed.
12. Remove towel or waterproof pad.
13. Remove disposable gloves and discard.
14. Wash hands.
15. Reposition client for comfort. Place in side-lying position to encourage drainage if client has decreased level of consciousness.
16. Document correctly on the Home Care Treatment/Activity Care Plan Assignment Record – Home Care Attendant.