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## **TOPIC # 11: Portable Suction Units**



### **Description:**

The CFD currently fields portable suction units for use in clearing and maintaining airways and removing objects, emesis, and secretions as necessary. Though different models may be in service throughout the department, the units perform the same basic functions and have the same capacity as those below.

Repair of units is coordinated through Central Stores and replacements for disposable hard-tip, flexible tip as well as tubing are also available from Central Stores. Pediatric “booger-getter” tips are contained in the CCHMC Pediatric Bag.

### **Features:**

1. Suction unit contained in storage/carrying contrainer
2. Disposable canister (to be disposed in biohazard bins when used)
3. Suction tubing and tips x3
  - a. Hard-tip
  - b. Flexible (French)
  - c. CCHMC tip a.k.a “booger-getter”
4. Rechargeable batteries

### **Directions:**

CFD providers are trained to EMT/Paramedic level certification and should utilize suction whenever necessary to maintain patient airway in accordance with scope of practice as well as Southwest Ohio Protocols. CFD members should inspect portable units for damage and operability on a daily basis. Companies are encouraged to have at minimum 1 hard-tip, 2 French/flexible tips, and 1 CCHMC pediatric tip inside unit. 1 length of suction tubing should also be kept with unit to allow for rapid deployment on emergency scenes.