

OPERATION: , Insertion of a #8 Shiley tracheostomy tube., ANESTHESIA: , General endotracheal anesthesia., OPERATIVE PROCEDURE IN DETAIL: , After obtaining informed consent from the patient's family, including a thorough explanation of the risks and benefits of the aforementioned procedure, the patient was taken to the operating room and general endotracheal anesthesia was administered., Next, a #10-blade scalpel was used to make an incision approximately 1 fingerbreadth above the sternal notch. Dissection was carried down using Bovie electrocautery to the level of the trachea. The 2nd tracheal ring was identified. Next, a #11-blade scalpel was used to make a trap door in the trachea. The endotracheal tube was backed out. A #8 Shiley tracheostomy tube was inserted, and tidal CO<sub>2</sub> was confirmed when it was connected to the circuit. We then secured it in place using 0 silk suture. A sterile dressing was applied. The patient tolerated the procedure well.