This patient has a

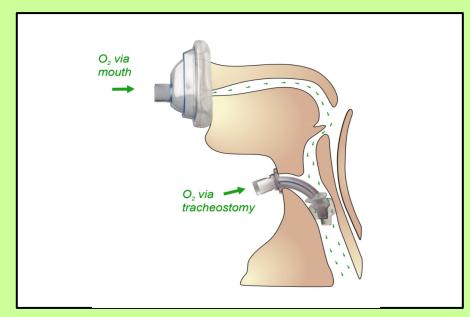
TRACHEOSTOMY

There is a potentially patent upper airway (Intubation may be difficult)

Surgical / Percutaneous

Performed on (date)	•••••
Tracheostomy tube size (if present)	
Hospital / NHS number	
Notes: Indicate tracheostomy type. In function of any sutures.	ndicate location and

Laryngoscopy grade and notes on upper airway management. Any problems with this tracheostomy.



Emergency Call: Anaesthesia ICU ENT MaxFax Emergency Team

Emergency tracheostomy management - Patent upper airway

Look, listen & feel at the mouth and tracheostomy Call for airway expert help

A Mapleson C system (e.g. 'Waters circuit') may help assessment if available



CPR if no pulse / signs of life Call Resuscitation Team

No.

Is the patient breathing?

Yes

Apply high flow oxygen to **BOTH** the face and the tracheostomy

Remove speaking valve or cap (if present) Assess tracheostomy patency

Remove inner tube

Some inner tubes need re-inserting to connect to breathing circuits

Can you pass a suction catheter?

Yes

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Look, listen & feel at the mouth and tracheostomy Deflate the cuff (if present)

Use waveform capnography or Mapleson C if available

Is the patient stable or improving?

Yes

Consider partial obstruction The tracheostomy tube is patent Continue ABCDE assessment not breathing Ventilate (via tracheostomy) if Perform tracheal suction

obstructed or displaced Tracheostomy tube partially

Continue ABCDE assessment

REMOVE THE TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE

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Look, listen & feel at the mouth and tracheostomy. Ensure oxygen re-applied to face and stoma Use Waveform capnography or Mapleson C if available

Call Resuscitation team

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is the patient breathing?

Continue ABCDE assessment

Yes

CPR if no pulse / signs of life

Primary emergency oxygenation

Standard ORAL airway manoeuvres

Attempt ORAL intubation

Secondary emergency oxygenation

Uncut tube, advanced beyond stoma Prepare for difficult intubation

Cover the stoma (swabs / hand). Use:

Bag-valve-mask

Oral or nasal airway adjuncts

Supraglottic airway device e.g. LMA

Tracheostomy STOMA ventilation Paediatric face mask applied to stoma

LMA applied to stoma

Attempt intubation of STOMA

Consider Aintree catheter and fibreoptic Small tracheostomy tube / 6.0 cuffed ETT 'scope / Bougie / Airway exchange catheter

National Tracheostomy Safety Project. Review date 1/1/24. Feedback & resources at www.tracheostomy.org.uk