World-leading respiratory technology

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Superior science and care

F&P Adult Respiratory Care Continuum: Fisher & Paykel healthcare is committed to advancing our capabilities as a world leader in humidified therapy systems with a comprehensive family of solutions that restore natural balance. We call this our F&P Adult Respiratory Care Continuum. There are many therapies for treating spontaneously-breathing patients. Optiflow and AIRVO are new alternatives designed to improve care and outcomes for these patients. Optiflow works with independent flow sources and is intended for Critical and Acute Care environments. AIRVO is an integrated humidifier and flow source designed for lower acuity environments including the home.

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**Humidification for tracheostomies**

Bypassing the upper airway produces a range of complications from thick, tenacious secretions and tracheostomy tube blockages. A prospective, randomized controlled study in intensive-care patients revealed that mucokinetic efficiency was reduced by up to 50% when bypassing the upper airway. In the context of ventilation, the tracheostomy is a surgical opening in the neck, and nose, and are only connected to the remaining end of the trachea. A tracheostomy tube is used to maintain the tracheostomy opening, resulting impaired mucociliary clearance. Secretions and tracheostomy tube blockages causes a range of difficulties from thick, tenacious secretions and recurrent tracheitis. These differences in vasculature give the neck a spray of water droplets, and a heat and humidity to inspired air. According to the American Thoracic Society, the most effective device to treat this condition is a heated humidifier. The tracheostomy tube occlusion in the patient’s neck, and nose, and are only connected to the remaining end of the trachea is then made with the aim of facilitating ventilation. A tracheostomy is a surgical opening in the neck, and nose, and are only connected to the remaining end of the trachea is then made with the aim of facilitating ventilation.

**Complications due to a lack of humidification**

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Using a HME while patients receive humidification on a heated humidifier with a heated wire circuit experienced this complication (Grade 2). Late complications and sequelae associated with poor humidification are listed in Table 1. Long-term complications are more frequent than early onset complications with sided imaging face to face with the trachea, with the most frequently reported being the development of granulomas tissue. This can form as a result of corrosive secretions and recurrent tracheitis.

**Methods to deliver humidity**

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**Susceptible patients**

Children are at greater risk of the effects of thickened secretions due to their small-caliber airways and small tracheostomy size. This is because a general consensus supporting supplemental heat and humidity in the hospital as well as at home.

There are other times when there is an increased need for humidification. This may be as a result of factors that increase airway drying or due to patient factors associated with decreased tolerance for low humidity.

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**Table 1. Late complications associated with poor humidification in chronic tracheostomy**

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BYPASSING THE UPPER AIRWAY

A tracheostomy is a surgical opening in the neck allowing air to bypass the upper airway (i.e. nose, oropharynx and trachea). They prevent the normal addition of heat and moisture to inspired air by the upper airway. Typically, the upper airway contributes 75% of the heat and moisture that is added to inspired air. An end tracheostomy also prevents the nose and mouth from breathing during swallowing. Bypassing these warmer and humidifying functions requires the larynx to cause, heat and moisture that are added to inspired air. This larynx will cause a range of differences from thick secretions and tracheostomy tube dryness back to similar Asiatic flu and death, with resulting impaired mucociliary clearance.

ANATOMY BEFORE SURGERY

The trachea is an inefficient humidifier when compared to the nose and bronchi through which gases are exchanged. In both, gases are exchanged by diffusion, and the trachea mixes these gases at a low level of efficiency to match the body’s demand. At the level of O2, CPAP provides a simple and effective treatment for sleep apnea.

TABLE 1. LATE COMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH POOR HUMIDIFICATION IN CHRONIC TRACHEOSTOMY

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<th>Thick, viscous, cratered secretions</th>
<th>Endotracheal secretions</th>
<th>Tracheostomy tube obstruction</th>
<th>Secretions colonized with Staphylococcus aureus</th>
<th>Coughing</th>
<th>Elevated cough</th>
<th>Poor quality of life</th>
<th>Persistent secretions</th>
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The deciding factor is the humidification system. Several different methods can be used to add heat and moisture to inspired air. According to the American Thoracic Society, the most efficient device is a heated humidifier. The other devices are a humidifier, which produces a supply of warm humidified air, and a heated and moisture exchange (HME). When comparing these devices, it is important to note that no device is 100% efficient. Relative humidity (e.g. 80% vs. 60% relative humidity) can only be delivered by heated humidifiers. The most recommended device is a heated humidifier. The other devices are a humidifier, which produces a supply of warm humidified air, and a heated and moisture exchange (HME). The space in which it is used is the following:

1. **Relative Humidity**
    - **Proportions of inspired air**
      - **32 mg/L Absolute Humidity**
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2. **Factors Involving the Need for Humidification**

   - **Children’s Airways**: Are more susceptible to heat and moisture loss, which limits the use of supplemental heat and humidity in the hospital as well as at home.
   - **Supplemental oxygen**: May alter airway humidity.
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   - **HEATED HUMIDIFIER**
     - **Can deliver:** Optimal Humidity
     - **Effectiveness:** 90% of inspired air has relative humidity of 100%.
   - **HEAT AND MOISTURE EXCHANGER**
     - **Can deliver:** 80% of inspired air has relative humidity of 80%.
   - **NEBULIZER**
     - **Can deliver:** 60% of inspired air has relative humidity of 60%.

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In the intensive care unit, humidification of the bypassed airway is a standard of care, and the tracheal mucosa does not adapt. In the respiratory care literature, a tracheostomy tube occlusion in 30% of babies, 10% of children, and 5% of adults is reported being the development of granulation tissue. Both an endotracheal tube and a tracheostomy tube have the same effect of bypassing the upper airway. A tracheostomy is a surgical opening in the trachea made with the aim of facilitating ventilation. It is permanent.
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