

## How to suck out phlegm for the patient 如何為病人抽痰(英文)

## Goals for eliminating sputamentum

- 1. Maintain respiratory tract unobstructed
- 2. Prevent foreign agent invasion
- 3. Assist patients to cough effectively
- 4. Refrain complications from happening

## Method

- 1. Washes hands correctly.
- 2. Pump gauge cock open, adjust gauge to its suitable pressure (adult 120~150mmHg, babies and infants 60~100mmHg), prevent it from being over-pressurized, or cause mucous membrane damages.
- 3. Give patients one minute of oxygen to prevent hypoxemia before sucking thick phlegm.
- 4. Put on aseptic glove.
- 5. Apply aseptic techniques to take out phlegm tube and connect it to the phlegm system.
- 6. Procedures for sucking out phlegm: Trachea inner tubore or trchoestomy -> nasal -> oral.
- 7. To prevent mucous membrane from being injured and oxygen deficiency, do not press the top of the phlegm tube when it is inserted 12~15 centimeters inside of patients' nasal and mouth.
- 8. Compress the suction opening during suction; gently and rapidly suck out patients' phlegm in a vertical direction.
- 9. Each suctions takes less than 15 seconds with 2~3 minutes interval between suctions.
- 10. Stop suction immediately and provide patients with oxygen when there is abnormal color change of patients' skin.

- 11. After phlegm suction, give patients 100% oxygen for one minute to prevent hypoxemia.
- 12. Clean and rinse the tube wall to prevent bacteria from growing.
- 13. After phlegm suction, observe patient's breath, blood pressure, and palpitation.
- 14. Switches off phlegm gauge cock.
- 15. After the suction, dispose phlegm tube and glove inside-out within infectious and flammable garbage bags.
- 16. Wash hands precisely again.

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