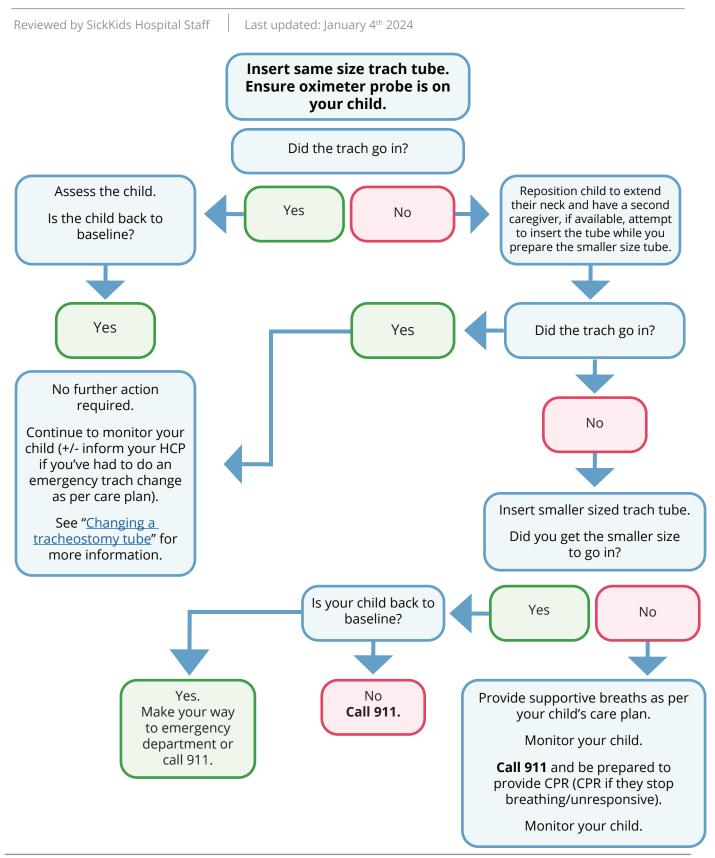
Decision-Making for Emergency Trach Tube Insertion



Increased Work of Breathing

Reviewed by SickKids Hospital Staff Last updated: January 4th 2024 Your child is having increased work of breathing. Yes Check your child's trach. Is the trach in? No, trach is out Yes Child is Suction the trach. decannulated. Trach is blocked. Perform an emergency Does the catheter No Perform an emergency trach change. pass easily? trach change. NOTE: If you cannot locate a back-up trach, and child Yes is decompensating, place same trach back in. Consider: • Repositioning the child. • Suctioning the trach again. Finish suctioning. • Providing manual supporting Reassess. Has the child No breaths if the child is desaturating. recovered? • Placing the child on their ventilator, if they have one. Continue to monitor your child's airway. · Providing oxygen, if prescribed. Place oximeter probe Yes · Administering rescue medication, if if not on already. prescribed. • Performing cough assist therapy, if prescribed. · Seeking help. Be prepared to initiate CPR.

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