

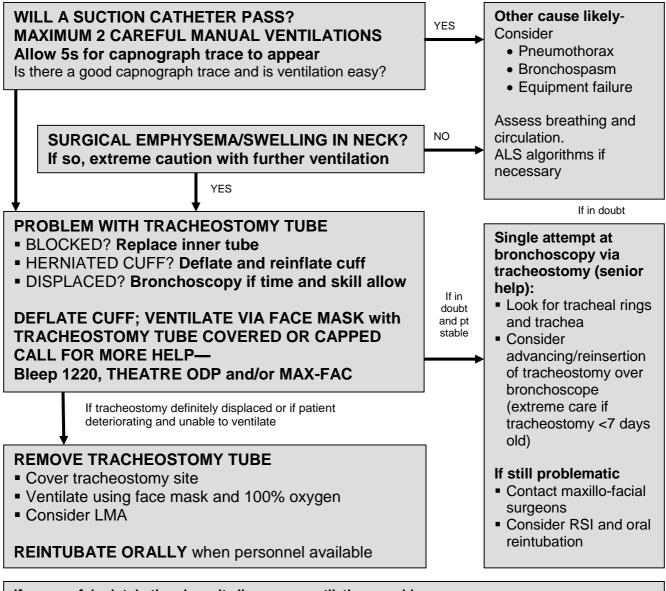
Possible Displaced / Blocked Tracheostomy?

Signs of a potential tracheostomy problem:

- 1. Change in ETCO₂ trace
- 2. Hypoxia, CVS instability, failure to achieve set pressure/ventilation
- 3. Patient talking despite tracheostomy cuff inflated
- 4. Audible cuff leak despite appropriate cuff pressures (22-28 cmH₂O)

Call for help—bed space alarm and call Dr's (bleep 1113/1480 initially) 100% Oxygen via face mask and tracheostomy Check the capnograph (ETCO₂) – If not on; put it on via HME filter Call for difficult airway trolley

Attach Water's Circuit / Ambubag to tracheostomy (with capnograph)



If successful reintubation doesn't allow easy ventilation consider:

- Tracheal obstruction secretions, blood, foreign body, bronchoscopy +/- lavage
- Tracheal false passage Maxillo-facial surgeons +/- reintubation with manual guidance
- Pneumothorax bilateral thoracostomies if in doubt