Management of Tracheostomy Tube Emergency

Call for help/ MET/ RRT

Remove Inner Cannula. Is it blocked?

YES → Replace with new inner cannula. Airflow through tube

YES → Deflate cuff (look, listen and feel for air movement)

YES → Use a larger size suction catheter and clear sputum

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If unable to change:

Remove trache tube

Patients with known Upper Airway Obstruction
Insert tracheal dilator
Direct O2, via oxygen tubing, into trache stoma

Patients with Intact Upper Airway
Cover stoma site with occlusive dressing or hand
Perform head tilt/chin lift and apply pocket mask/bag-mask-valve resuscitator and ventilate via nose/mouth

Monitor patient until arrival of MET and definitive Airway Management Plan

YES → Monitor

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