

Checklist: Change a Suction Canister

Change a Suction Canister	Able to Perform	Unable to Perform
1. Carry out initial procedure actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Knock before entering if a resident is present. – Introduce yourself. – Identify the resident according to facility policy. – Explain the procedure if appropriate. – Provide privacy. – Perform hand hygiene. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Assemble equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Replacement suction canister and lid. – Suction tubing if replacement is required. – Disposable gloves. – Mask/eye protection if splash risk exists. – Biohazard waste bag if required. – Disinfectant wipes if required by facility policy. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Verify suction setup and physician order/care plan according to facility policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Perform hand hygiene and apply appropriate PPE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Gloves – Mask/eye protection if indicated. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Ensure suction machine is functioning properly before changing canister: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check tubing connections. – Verify suction source. – Observe suction level if applicable. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Turn off suction machine or wall suction according to facility policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Clamp suction tubing if required by facility policy or equipment design.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Carefully disconnect suction tubing from full canister: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Avoid spilling contents. – Avoid contaminating tubing or surfaces. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Remove the full canister carefully from the holder/bracket while keeping the canister upright.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Secure lid on full canister according to manufacturer instructions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Dispose of full canister according to facility policy and biohazard procedures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Some canisters are disposable. – Some require emptying and cleaning according to policy. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Place the new suction canister securely into the holder/bracket.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Ensure the canister lid is properly attached and sealed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Reconnect suction tubing securely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Patient tubing to patient port. – Suction tubing to vacuum source port. – Follow manufacturer instructions carefully. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Ensure tubing is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Free of kinks. – Not stretched. – Not creating tripping hazards. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Turn the suction machine or wall suction back on.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p>17. Verify proper suction operation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Observe suction function. - Confirm suction pressure if applicable. - Check for leaks or loose connections. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>18. Observe resident for tolerance and safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respiratory status. - Comfort. - Signs of distress if suctioning is active. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>19. Dispose of contaminated supplies according to facility policy.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>20. Remove gloves and PPE according to facility policy.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>21. Perform hand hygiene.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>22. Ensure resident comfort and safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bed in lowest position if applicable. - Call light within reach. - Equipment safely positioned. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>23. Carry out ending procedure actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clean reusable equipment according to facility policy. - Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment malfunction - Suction failure - Unusual drainage - Tubing leaks - Resident distress <p>to the nurse promptly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Document canister change if required by facility policy. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>