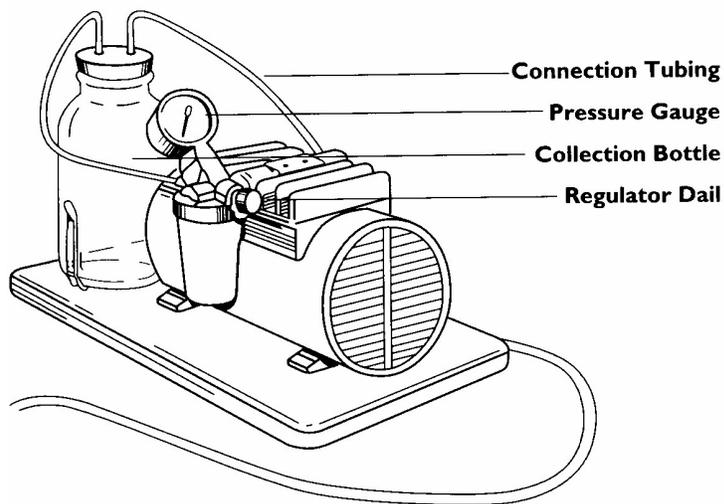


ORAL AND GASTRIC SUCTION



(Your model may differ than the unit shown above)

Suction Machine Instructions

Make sure that the suction tubing is attached properly from the suction machine to the suction bottle and from the bottle to the suction catheter. Turn the machine on and adjust it to the prescribed suction pressure. Follow your health provider's instructions when using suctioning.

Equipment:

- 1) Aspirator with Pressure regulator knob and pressure gauge.
- 2) Collection Bottle with short tubing.
- 3) Patient connecting tubing.
- 4) One or more Suction instruments:
 - a) Yankauer (Oral) suction device
 - b) Catheter (for tracheal) suctioning.
- 5) Place the aspirator on a flat surface near the patient.
- 6) Connect the short tubing from the aspirator to the port on the collection bottle labeled "Suction" or "Vacuum".
- 7) Connect one end of the patient connecting tubing to the port on the collection bottle labeled "Patient".
- 8) Connect the other end of the patient connecting tubing to appropriate suction instrument.
- 9) Plug the aspirator power cord into the appropriate electrical outlet.
- 10) Turn on the power switch.
- 11) Crimp or kink the patient connecting tubing while reading the current suction pressure on the pressure gauge.
- 12) Turn the pressure regulator knob to adjust suction pressure to read:
 - a) 100 to 120 cmH₂O for ADULTS
 - b) 80 to 100 cmH₂O for CHILDREN
 - c) 60 to 80 cmH₂O for INFANTS
- 13) Introduce the suction instrument as instructed by your RN/home care professional/Physician.
- 14) Aspirate secretions into the Collection Bottle.
- 15) After each use, aspirate a small amount of water through the suction instrument and tubing to prevent secretions from drying in the instrument and tubing (causing an obstruction).

Cleaning Instructions

- 1) Wipe the outside of the machine with a damp cloth.
- 2) Wash the **collection bottle** daily in warm soapy water
 - a) Collection bottle contents should be emptied into the toilet
 - b) Collection bottle can be changed monthly
 - c) Once weekly, after cleaning, the collection bottle can be soaked in a solution of 1 cup of white vinegar and 3 cups water for at least 30 minutes.
 - d) Rinse well in running water.
- 3) The **Yankauer catheter** should be washed daily in warm soapy water and rinsed well.
 - a) Once Weekly Yankauer catheter should be soaked in a solution of 1 cup of white vinegar and 3 cups water for at least 30 minutes once a week.
 - b) Rinse the Yankauer catheter well in running water.

Changing Disposables

- 1) Collection bottle changed monthly
- 2) Tubing from the collection bottle to the patient changed monthly
- 3) Suction device
 - a) Yankauer: changed every 2-4 weeks
 - b) Catheters as advised
- 4) Filter; as needed, or if it becomes wet

What to Do If Your Suction Machine Fails

1. Make sure that the suction machine is **PLUGGED IN**.
2. Make sure that the on/off switch is **ON**.
3. Make sure that the wall outlet the suction machine is plugged into **HAS POWER**.
4. Make sure that the collection bottle **IS NOT FULL**.
5. Make sure the connection tubing from the suction machine to the collection bottle is **SECURELY FASTENED**.
6. Make sure that the collection bottle top is **TIGHTLY SEALED**.
7. Make sure the suction tubing is **SECURELY FASTENED** to the collection bottle.
8. If the suction machine still fails to operate, **CALL ENOS HOME OXYGEN** for service.