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	KEYTASKS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	
1.	Performs hand washing, and gathers all equipment and supplies necessary for the procedure.	Staff Nurse	
2.	Attaches one end of the suction connecting tube to the suction machine and the other end to the connecting port of the suction catheter.	Staff Nurse	
3.	Pours the necessary amount of rinsing solution into 2 sterile bottles.	Staff Nurse	
4.	Turns on suction apparatus.	Staff Nurse	
5.	Dons gloves or prepares sterile forceps (depends on physician's preference)	Staff Nurse	
6.	Designates a dominant hand and a non-dominant hand. Uses the dominant hand to maneuver the sterile area of the suction catheter and the non-dominant hand to hold the end of the suction connecting tube where the connecting port of the suction catheter is attached.	Staff Nurse	
7.	Moistens the suction catheter tip with the prepared rinsing solution in the suction bottle for endotracheal tube.	Staff Nurse	
8.	Detaches the extender from the tip of the extension tube. Advances the suction catheter into the lumen and when resistance is felt, withdraws about 1 centimeter of the catheter.	Staff Nurse	
9.	Suctions the secretions in a rotating motion while pulling the catheter out form the endotracheal	Staff Nurse	



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tube.	
10. Rinses the suction catheter and repeat suctioning as necessary until the airway is clear of secretions.	Staff Nurse
11. Places the suction connecting tubing in a sterile plastic and seal with plaster after use.	Staff Nurse
12. Discards used catheters and gloves properly after the procedure. Turns off the suction machine.	Staff Nurse
13. Assesses effectiveness of suctioning by auscultating the lung fields. Notes breath sounds and compares assessment before and after the procedure.	Staff Nurse
14. Performs after care and performs hand hygiene.	Staff Nurse

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