



Checklist for the wall mounted VacSax suction system

Each suction circuit should be checked hourly

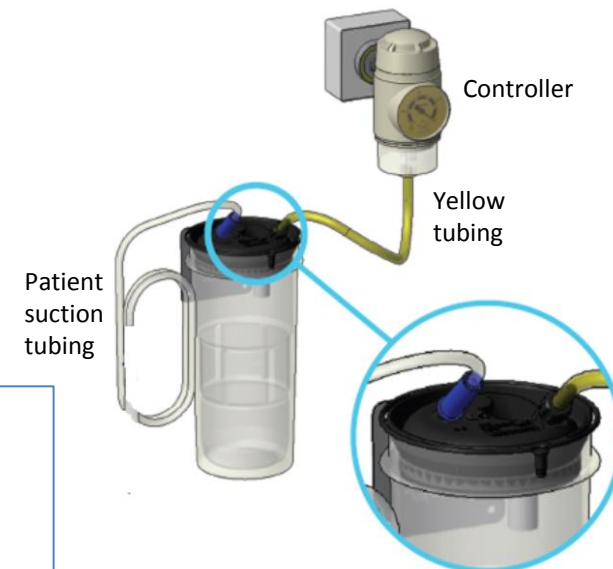
Please carry out the following suction checks and sign the ward record that the checks have been completed. Any faults in the system should be reported to the senior nurse in charge who will arrange the required remedial action

- Check the yellow tubing and suction tubing is clear with no visible blockages in the bore of either tubing
- Check the expiry date on the liner, the yellow tubing and the suction catheter
- Ensure the suction controller is connected to the suction liner with yellow tubing (reusable)
- Ensure the taper fit of the yellow tubing is a good fit into its port on the suction liner
- Ensure the liner has been inflated and that it is pressed down well into the canister to ensure a gas tight fit
- Check condition of moisture trap and filters if fitted
- Ensure patient tubing is long enough to reach bed in an emergency

To check the suction controller is working carry out the following actions:

- Take the Yankeur off the end of the suction tubing
- Turn the controller on and then occlude the end of the suction tubing with your finger
- Turn the suction vacuum on the controller to maximum
- You should see the needle rise to above 400mmHg (50kpa)
- Release your finger and check for air flow.
- Turn off the controller
- Turn the suction level back down to a medium setting
- Replace Yankeur on tubing

Ensure the Yankeur catheter is in date
All equipment needs to be clean and ready for emergency use



- Do Not** - Leave liner folded in canister
- Do Not** - Use the incorrect size liner for the canister
- Do Not** - Use liners past their expiry date
- Do Not** - Use liners that are split, damaged, broken etc.
- Do Not** - Leave contaminated liners in-situ they are single use
- Do Not** - Leave vacuum turned on when not in use
- Do Not** - Throw away the yellow tubing unless soiled- it can be re-used (spares are available from medical electronics)