



Pre-Congress course - Tracheostomy

19th-20rd Oct 2026

Day 1 08:30 04:30

Day 2 08:30 04:30

Equipment provided by course faculty – tracheostomy tube samples, tracheostomy TOM models

Course Lead: Sarah Wallace

Sarah Wallace, Louise Edwards, Laura Baijens, Ulrike Frank

Day 1 Monday 19th Oct

TIME	TOPIC	CONTENT	LEAD
8.30-9.15	Introduction	Introductions. Discuss experience, barriers, individual goals	Sarah Wallace
9.15-10.30	Psychosocial impact of tracheostomy	Importance of talking and swallowing	Sarah Wallace
10.30-10.45	BREAK		
10.45-11.15	Impact of tracheostomy on patients and families	Key issues. Discuss cases, participant examples	Sarah Wallace
11.15-12.30	Paediatrics	Paediatric management of tracheostomy	Louise Edwards
12.30-1.30	LUNCH		
1.30-2.30	Secretion management	Clinical assessment and management of secretions	Ulrike Frank
2.30- 3.30	Tracheostomy weaning and decannulation management	Approaches & protocols	Ulrike Frank
3.30-3.45	BREAK		
4.00-4.30	Wrap up discussion	Learning points & reflections	Sarah, Ulrike, Louise

Day 2**Tuesday 20th October**

TIME	TOPIC	CONTENT	LEAD
08.30-09.15	Early interventions and vocalisation part 1	Cuff deflation, One-Way valves – assessment & therapeutic benefit	Sarah Wallace
09.15-10.15	ENT perspective	Tracheostomy insertion, complications & ENT management	Laura Baijens
10.15-10.30	BREAK		
10.30-11.15	Early interventions and vocalisation part 2	Above Cuff Vocalisation evidence, indications & latest research	Sarah Wallace
11.15-12.00	FEES	What we see in tracheostomy patients	Sarah Wallace
12.00-12.30	Interdisciplinary tracheostomy management	Facilitating MDT working and benefits for tracheostomy care	Sarah Wallace
12.30-1.30	LUNCH		
1.30-2.15	Clinical case studies - assessment through treatment	Discuss cases across a range of settings and populations	Ulrike Frank ALL
2.15-3.00	Managing paediatric tracheostomy patients transitioning to adult care		Louise Edwards
3.00 - 4.00	International perspectives on tracheostomy care	International survey. Discuss challenges and how to drive tracheostomy care improvements	Sarah, Ulrike, Louise
4.00-4.30	Conclusions and future plans	Take home learning, reflect on goals and plans	Sarah, Ulrike, Louise ALL