

Open Lecture

Complex Tracheostomy Weaning: Long term and quality of life decisions with case study illustrations

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There are increasing numbers of patients who require tracheostomy tubes to assist with respiratory function, maintain a patent airway and aid the clearance of secretions. Where possible the aim is to commence weaning and reduce reliance on the tracheostomy. However, due to the complex presentation of some individuals, this is not always appropriate. The presence of a long term tracheostomy can impact an individual's quality of life. For example, it can affect the ability to eat/drink, produce a voice and engage in certain activities.

This open lecture is aimed at anyone who has some knowledge and experience in tracheostomy management. Case presentations will be used to highlight the complex practical and ethical issues that should be considered in individuals with long term tracheostomy to support management decisions and enhance quality of life.

Tuesday 28th February 2017, 4.30-5.30pm

Conference Room – Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability

The lectures are free, but please register online if you plan to attend as places are limited

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