



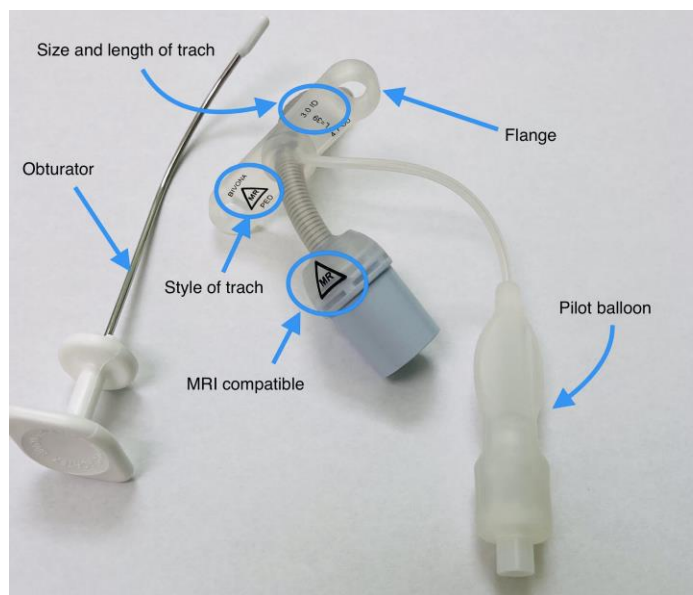
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Trach Cleaning Steps at Home

Equipment Needed:

- Clean bowl
- Clean pot with lid
- Soap and water
- Cleaning brush
- Paper towels/washcloth
- Ziplock bag

⚠️ Clean your Bivona Trach after each trach change.



Wash your hands then put on clean gloves.



Place the obturator and trach in warm soapy water. Let it soak for a while (60 min) if covered in thick secretions. After soaking, use a cleaning brush to clean trach and obturator thoroughly.



Rinse the trach and obturator in sink.



Next, place the trach and obturator in boiling water.



Cover with lid only for a moment.



Quickly remove the pot from heat and turn off stove.



Let the trach and obturator cool until “hand hot.”



Handle the obturator by the large handle, and the trach tube by the flange. Then, place both parts on a clean dry towel or paper cloth.



After air drying completely, place the trach tube and obturator in a clean airtight bag. **Make sure your hands have been washed prior to handling!**

Storage

- Store in a new zip-lock bag every time. **Be sure to date it and keep track of the number of times that it has been cleaned.**
- You can clean and re-use a Bivona tracheostomy tube up to **5 times** if there are no signs of damage.



Tip: You can mark the trach flange with a permanent marker to keep track of how many times it has been processed. **Just be careful not to mark over any of the numbers on the flange!**

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