

CC5 Clearing Airway Secretions

Purpose

1. To ensure all participants of SAVVY who require their airway to be cleared, to have done safely, and without risk of infection.

Alignment with Practice Standards

1. Module 2: Provider Governance and Operational Management
2. Module 3: Provision of Supports
3. High Intensity Daily Personal Activities

Legislative Alignment

1. National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013
2. Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Cth)
3. Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011 (Cth)

Key Responsible Executive

Chief Executive Officer

For More Support

Head of Multidisciplinary Care

Policy Statement

1. This policy applies to Management, registered nurses, enrolled nurses, and team leaders.

Procedures

1. The registered nurse will be responsible for accurately documenting individual participant care needs.
2. The registered nurse will be responsible for “clearing the airway” of a participant who requires it.
3. Care staff will be responsible to report to the registered nurse immediately if a participant is having difficulty breathing or is noticeably in distress or has mucous or other object in the airways.

4. Management will be responsible for supply of suctioning equipment

References to other SAVVY policies

1. CS3.5 Participant Record Management
2. HR4.17 Information Technology

References to other external materials

1. Personal care and clinical procedures manual

Supporting documentation

1. Care and service plan
2. Nurses' continuation notes
3. Doctors' notes

Version Control

1. 1 April 2023 - New Policy Creation