How to Use a DeLee Suction Trap

The DeLee suction trap is made of plastic and can be used in an emergency. It is used when an electrical suction machine is not near or not working.

To use the DeLee suction trap:
1. Put the tube with holes at the end into the trach.
2. Put the tube with a mouthpiece in your mouth.
3. Put a finger over the hole in the tube near your mouth while sucking on the tube in your mouth, like a straw.

The mucus goes from the trach into the trap, not into your mouth.

Always carry a DeLee suction trap when traveling with a trach. When you get home, throw out the used DeLee and pack a new one.

Now that you’ve read this:
☐ Tell your nurse or doctor when you would use a DeLee suction trap.
   (Check when done.)
☐ Show your nurse or doctor how you would use a DeLee suction trap.
   (Check when done.)
If you have any questions or concerns,
☐ call your child's doctor or ☐ call ______________________

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Name of Health Care Provider: ________________________________
Date returned: ________________ ☐ db

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Please return your review of this handout to your nurse or doctor or send it to the address below.

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