



COHESIVE HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING
MANGUM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

TITLE		POLICY	
Speaking Valve		RES-011	
MANUAL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVIEW DATE	
Respiratory	03/2020		
DEPARTMENT	REFERENCE		
Respiratory			

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Respiratory Care Practitioners, Licensed Nursing Personnel, and Speech Therapy of Mangum Regional Medical Center.

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines on the safe and effective use of a speaking valve.

DEFINITIONS

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POLICY

It is the policy of this facility to assess the ability of the tracheostomy patient to vocalize and communicate with a speaking valve if indicated and ordered by a physician.

INDICATIONS

- Ventilator Dependency
- Quadruplegia
- COPD
- Mild Tracheal and/or Laryngeal Stenosis
- Neuromuscular Disease
- Head Trauma
- Tracheomalacia
- Bilateral Vocal Cord Paralysis

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Unconscious and/or Comatose Patients
- Foam Filled Tracheostomy Cuff
- Thick and Copious Secretions
- Inflated Tracheostomy Tube Cuff
- Severe Airway Obstruction
- Severe Aspiration

PROCEDURE

1. Refer to the Lippincott Clinical Resource Guide.

2. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for cleaning and storing the speaking valve.

REFERENCES

Lippincott Clinical Resource Guide

ATTACHMENTS

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REVISIONS/UPDATES

Date	Brief Description of Revision/Change