



What is a portable suction machine?

Portable suction is used for clearing respiratory secretions when a patient may not be able to clear their own.

Components of portable suction machine

- **Rechargeable battery**- The portable suction machine has a rechargeable battery. You will be provided both a wall charger and a car charger. NEVER use the suction machine when it is plugged into power. Doing so sends a charge to the battery and results in a lower or no battery life.
- **Suction/Vaccum**- The portable suction uses negative pressure to create a vacuum to remove secretions.
- **Connecting Tubing**- Connects the collection canister to the yankeur or suction catheter.
- **Collection Canister**- Holds the patient secretions.
- **Power Cord**- Used to plug your portable suction into the wall for charging.
- **Car Charger**- Used to plug your portable suction into the car for charging.
- **Filter**- Attach the filter assembly from the suction machine to the suction canister.

How do I use my portable suction machine?

- Wash hands thoroughly and put disposable gloves on.
- Attach the suction tubing to the suction canister.
- Turn the suction machine on to test the vacuum pressure by placing your finger over the tip of the suction tubing. Remember to keep the vacuum pressure around 200 unless using a yankauer to clear secretions in a patient's mouth or for thick secretions. To adjust the pressure simply turn the knob on the portable suction machine.
- Make sure the canister lid is completely secured.
- You are now ready to attach your suction device and use your machine.

How do I clean my portable suction machine?

- Dispose of secretions down the toilet daily.
- For regular cleaning, wipe the machine with soap and water or a Lysol/bleach wipe.
- When cleaning, disconnect from the power source.
- Number of canisters, suction tubing, yankauers, and suction catheters will be provided based on insurance.
- Tubing can be rinsed out with water.
- NEVER rinse or clean the filter assembly.

Tips for using portable suction

- Always keep the canister in an upright position.
- Always make sure the canister lid is on tightly – failure to do so may result in lack of suction or a cracked canister.
- The battery life of the rechargeable battery is 2-3 hours, so make sure you keep it plugged in when at home or in the car.
- NEVER use the suction machine when it is plugged into power. Doing so sends a charge to the battery & results in a lower or no battery life.
- Do not overfill the canister with secretions!