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1	Portable Suction Check

Originator	Date	Revision Date	
JC/CM/PW	February 2013	February 2014	

Step	MAIN STEPS (WHAT)	HOW	IMAGES/NOTES
001	Switch OFF	Switch OFF mains power.	
002	Remove power lead	Remove power lead to portable suction unit.	
003	Check Battery	Switch ON suction unit Check battery light is GREEN	
004	Turn to Maximum	Ensure suction control is on Maximum	
005	Occlude Suction tubing	Occlude the patient tubing by folding and holding tightly near to Yankauer sucker	
006	Vacuum at least 525mm Hg	Suction dial should reach 300mm Hg within 3 seconds and continue to 525mm Hg.	
007	Leak test	Switch OFF Suction unit whilst tubing still occluded and ensure the needle does not drop significantly.	
800	Release patient tubing.	Ensure patient tubing is unfolded	
009	Re-connect power lead	Ensure power lead is securely attached	NB. If the needle o drops significantly, leak in the system.
010	Switch ON	Switch ON mains power. Ensure charging light is illuminated	trouble shooting SO

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