



## Suction Machine

### Documentation Requirements

#### All Insurances

- ★ Suction Machine and Supplies Prescription
- ★ Medical records (see below for criteria)

### Medical Record Requirements

- ★ Face to face visit with treating practitioner documenting patient's difficulty raising and clearing secretions secondary to one of the following:
  - Cancer or surgery of the throat or mouth
  - Dysfunction of the swallowing muscles
  - Unconsciousness or obtunded state
  - Tracheostomy
- ★ For Medicaid, this visit must take place within 6 months of the order.
  
- ★ For tracheal suction catheters
  - Records must support patient has a tracheostomy and needs the catheters to suction the trach site.
- ★ For closed system suction catheters:
  - Records must support patient has a tracheostomy and a covered ventilator.
- ★ For suction toothbrushes
  - Letter of medical necessity documenting why the item is necessary. Additional justification is prescribing more than one per month.
  - Medicaid Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN) if patient has Medicaid. These are not covered by Medicare.