

UNC Children's Non-Urgent Tracheostomy Evaluation Pathway

Any Provider Considers Whether a Tracheostomy May be Indicated

Primary Team Informs Family that Teams Will Consult to Evaluate Whether Trach is an **Option**

Consult to Pulmonology, ENT, Supportive Care, Case Mgmt/ SW, Airway Center Trach NP, Home Ventilator NP (if indicated)
- All Teams to Leave a Consult Note

ENT Assessment for Surgical Appropriateness of Trach

Supportive Care Helps Family with Medical Decision Making

Pulmonology Assessment for Medical Appropriateness of Trach

Airway Center NP +/- Home Ventilator NP Provides Introduction to Trach +/- Ventilator to Family

Unit Case Mgmt/ SW Perform Tracheostomy Planning Tool

Provider Meeting to Discuss Barriers and Illness Trajectory with (at Minimum): Primary Team, Supportive Care, and Pulmonology **
-Team Makes Decision On **Options** and **Recommendations**

Offer Trach

Recommend Trach

Trach is Not an Option

Multidisciplinary Meeting with Family to Discuss Trach Placement and Alternatives***

Team Determines A Discrete Plan for Next Steps for Family and Providers

* Consider ethics consult if there is still disagreement among providers

** Input Should be Gathered from All Pertinent Specialities Prior to Meeting

*** If Child Protective Services (CPS) is involved, a representative from CPS should be present as well.

Notes

- This process is intended provide a multi-disciplinary evaluation for consideration of a trach and to identify barriers to placement. Providers are encouraged not to indicate to families that a trach will be placed until the full evaluation is completed.
- Evaluation process should be completed within at least 7 days.

