





## Risk and Complication

1. There are always certain side effects and risks of complications of the procedure. Medical staff will take every preventive measure to reduce their likelihood.
2. Common Risks and Complications ( $\geq 1\%$  risk)
  - 2.1 Bleeding
  - 2.2 Infection
  - 2.3 Swallowing problem
  - 2.4 Speech problem
  - 2.5 Tracheostomy tube blockage and dislodgement causing asphyxia
  - 2.6 Surgical emphysema
3. Uncommon Risks with Serious Consequences ( $< 1\%$  risk)
  - 3.1 Apnea
  - 3.2 Tracheal stenosis
  - 3.3 Injury to other neck structures
  - 3.4 Pneumomediastinum and pneumothorax
  - 3.5 Tracheocutaneous fistula
  - 3.6 Erosion into large vessels causing fatal bleeding
  - 3.7 Erosion into esophagus causing aspiration
  - 3.8 Failed weaning of tracheostomy
  - 3.9 Death due to serious surgical and anaesthetic complications
4. Consequences of No Treatment
  - 4.1 Airway obstruction and death
  - 4.2 Prolonged intubation causing injury to trachea with resultant stenosis
  - 4.3 Aspiration and recurrent pneumonia

## Alternative Treatment / Investigation

Endotracheal intubation

## Disclaimer

This leaflet only provides general information pertaining to this operation / procedure. While common risks and complications are described, the list is not exhaustive, and the degree of risk could also vary between patients. Please contact your doctor for detailed information and specific enquiry.

## Reference

Smart patient website by Hospital Authority : Tracheostomy (2/2020)

<b>Patient's Label</b>
Patient Name: _____
Hospital No: _____
Episode No: _____

Patient's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_