

SUCTIONING SERVICES ORDER

Call 402-694-8332 for an appointment. Bring this order to your first visit to present at registration or ask your provider to call the order in or fax it to 402-694-6013.

PATIENT INFORMATION

DATE _____ TIME _____

PATIENT NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER _____

ORDERING PROVIDER _____

ORDERING PROVIDER SIGNATURE _____

DIAGNOSIS

- RSV positive
- Respiratory virus positive test
- Clinical diagnosis, not tested

INITIAL TREATMENT

- Provide nasopharyngeal or nasal suctioning with saline to eliminate nasal mucus obstruction.
You may visit once per day for suctioning services. Your prescription will be valid for five days following the initial diagnosis.
- Instruct the caregiver on suctioning techniques at home.

For more information about Memorial Hospital's Respiratory Therapy Services, including our Nasal Suctioning Services, call 402-694-8332 or visit www.MemorialCommunityHealth.org



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Outpatient Nasal Suctioning Services



For babies up to 24 months



**RESPIRATORY THERAPY
DEPARTMENT**
Aurora, NE



Memorial Hospital Outpatient Nasal Suctioning Services

Bronchiolitis is the most common reason infants under 12 months are hospitalized, and it can be an incredibly worrying illness for parents. The buildup of nasal secretions often brings added stress and uncertainty for caregivers. Memorial Hospital's outpatient nasal suctioning services are here to support your family and help your child breathe easier on the path to a smoother, quicker recovery.

What to expect at a visit

INITIAL ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT

- A respiratory therapist will assess and score your child based on their symptoms.
- Your child will be suctioned and reassessed using the approved scoring system.
- If your child's assessment indicates they are handling the virus well, we will provide instructions on how to suction at home.

ESCALATING TREATMENT

If the respiratory therapist assesses your child, and your child appears to be very ill, you will be escorted to Emergency.*

What you need to know about bronchiolitis

WHAT CAUSES BRONCHIOLITIS?

Bronchiolitis is an infection of the lower respiratory tract that is typically caused by a virus. It leads to inflammation of the small airways and increased mucus production, which can make breathing more difficult, especially in young children. Common symptoms include a runny or congested nose, coughing, wheezing or labored breathing, decreased appetite, irritability, and fatigue.

HOW ARE BABIES AFFECTED BY BRONCHIOLITIS?

Young infants may struggle to clear mucus effectively, and hospitalization may be necessary in some cases. Symptoms typically peak between days 3 and 5. While most symptoms resolve within 7 to 10 days, coughing may persist for several weeks.

Caring for your child

HOW CAN I HELP MY BABY AT HOME?

Giving your child fluids will help keep them hydrated, and suctioning before feeding can clear their nasal passages so they are better able to eat. You may need to offer smaller, more frequent feedings if your child is having trouble breathing through their nose. Be sure to clean your suction device with soap and hot water after each use.

WHEN SHOULD I CALL A DOCTOR?

- If your child seems sleepier than usual
- If the color of your child changes, or if they appear paler than normal
- If your child has a high fever: Less than 2 months: 100.4 degrees; older than 2 months: more than 102.2 degrees
- If your child is working hard to breathe or breathing fast
- If your child has less than three wet diapers in a 24-hour period

Prepare for your visit

SERVICE HOURS

8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday-Friday

We strive to maintain short wait times; however, they may vary depending on hospital emergencies and the number of patients waiting for suctioning services.

DO NOT FEED YOUR CHILD WHILE WAITING

There is an increased risk of vomiting if the child is fed within 30 minutes of suctioning, putting the child at risk for aspiration. This may also impact your wait time.

Visit instructions

FIRST VISIT

8:00 am–4:00 pm: enter through our Admissions entrance and register with our admissions staff. After registering, please have a seat in the reception area until a staff member arrives to escort you.

RETURNING VISIT

Please call **402-694-8332** and inform the respiratory therapist that you are bringing your child.

When you arrive, let our admissions staff know that you are here for suctioning services.

EMERGENCY VISIT

If you need immediate assistance or believe that your child is having a medical emergency, you may check in at Emergency.*

*BILLING NOTE: If your child is seen for an outpatient visit and then requires emergency care, separate charges will apply for each visit. If your child is seen only in the Emergency Department, charges will apply only for that visit.

