



# Emergency Tracheostomy Education for Nurses and Caregivers

**Simulated events provide hands-on experience in managing emergency situations**

This simulated, educational opportunity provides enhanced education and emergency response skills to improve the safety of patients and reduce hospital readmissions related to tracheostomy emergencies.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Community members and health care professionals who provide care to a child with a tracheostomy.

## WHY IS THIS PROGRAM UNIQUE?

The Saigh Foundation Pediatric Simulation Center, developed with support from the Saigh Foundation for St. Louis Children's Hospital, is the only medical simulation center within 300 miles dedicated specifically to pediatric patients.

Simulated events through this program provide experiences in managing emergency situations that are common in children with tracheostomy tubes. The scenarios and feedback from instructors provide a safe yet lifelike learning environment for nurses and caregivers to refine skills essential in clinical tracheostomy care.

## TWO-PART PROGRAM

### Review care of a patient with a tracheostomy:

- Orienting to standard tracheostomy equipment and emergency supplies
- Explore ventilator parts and settings
- Recognizing and responding to alarms

### Simulation of tracheostomy emergencies:

- Orientation and exposure to the Simulation Center
- Identify a simulated tracheostomy emergency
- Respond appropriately to a tracheostomy emergency
- Change tracheostomy tube

## LOCATION

### The Saigh Foundation Simulation Center at St. Louis Children's Hospital

One Children's Place  
Fifth floor  
St. Louis, MO 63110

## CONTACT

Contact the Patient and Family Education Team for more information at 314-454-2767 or email [SM-PFET@bjc.org](mailto:SM-PFET@bjc.org).

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## REGISTER TODAY

- Visit [StLouisChildrens.org/Vents](http://StLouisChildrens.org/Vents)
- Call 314-454-2767

*PLEASE NOTE: There is no charge for this educational opportunity, but space is limited. At least 48 hours advance notice is required for canceling your reservation.*

## DIRECTIONS

- You will need to show identification and obtain a visitor badge at the desk.
- A member of the V.E.N.T.S. team will greet you and escort you to the fifth floor Saigh Foundation Simulation Center.
- To reach us on the day of the program, call the lab at 314-319-8881.



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