

# Essential Knowledge of Tracheostomy Care: Preventing Complications and Managing Airway Emergencies

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08:30 AM - 12:30 PM

1850 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, CA, 94303

This course is designed for healthcare professionals involved in the care of patients with tracheostomies. Participants will gain in-depth knowledge and hands-on skills to differentiate between tracheostomies and laryngectomies, safely manage complex airway needs, prevent complications, and respond effectively to emergencies. The curriculum emphasizes evidence-based practices, interdisciplinary collaboration, and patient-centered care.

## Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, learners will have an increased knowledge of airway emergencies and be able to demonstrate how to manage a tracheostomy tube during airway complications.

## Learning Objectives

1. Explain how provider implicit bias can compromise communication and patient teaching.
2. Articulate 3 tracheostomy care practices to prevent potential complications
3. Demonstrate emergency management for an obstructed tracheostomy, an accidental tracheostomy tube decannulation, and a cardiac arrest for a tracheostomy.

## Speakers:

- Kate O'Connor, MA, CCC-SLP
- Rachel Fivis, BSN, RN, CMSRN
- Rebecca Nixon, BS, RRT, RCP
- Glenn Croft, MSN, RN, CVRN, AGCNS-BC
- Brian Lee, MSN, RN, NPD-BC, CMSRN



**Credit Types:** ANCC, BRN, Physical Therapy (PT), Occupational therapy (OT), Speech Language Pathology (SLP), Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP)

**Number of Credits:** 3.75 contact hours

## Registration Fee (Breakfast Included):

SHC Employee \$80

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