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PORTABLE SUCTION APPARATUSES

- Daily check the following
- Check that the accessories are correctly attached not damaged and are ready for use.
- With suction unit switched 'on' and vacuum control valve turned up to the high setting, blank-off suction line by placing a finger over the inlet nozzle and then check the reading of gauge. The reading should be ≥ 80 KPa / 600mmHg.
- The disposable filters must be replaced as per the manufacturer's recommendation which is pasted on the apparatus.
- All reusable components likely to be in contact with aspirated body fluids should be thoroughly cleaned and sterilized after use, or whenever it is suspected they been in contact with infectious fluids. Reusable items can autoclaved at 121°C for 20 minutes.
- A new disposable liner and a new suction tube must be used for each patient.
- The equipment must be disconnected from the mains electrical supply prior to cleaning and disinfection
- Don't use the electrical power lead or suction tubing to drag or move the unit, use the unit handle.
- Don't overfill the suction liners - change when they are three quarters full.