

Please join us for a fun and informative

Parent/Caregiver Education and Focus Group Session

Saturday, April 10, 2010

10:00 am – 12:30 pm

**Franciscan Hospital for Children
30 Warren Avenue
Brighton, MA 02135**

Chamberlain Conference Room

Free event and free parking

(please park in the main parking lot in front of the hospital,
not the emergency side, then look for signs for the meeting)



Tracheostomy and Passy-Muir® Speaking Valves

Guest speaker: Julie Kobak, MA, CCC-SLP/L

Speech Pathologist and Director of Clinical Education for Speech at Passy-Muir, Inc.



Each family in attendance will receive:

Complimentary brunch, \$25 gift card and a Toby gift bag
(Toby Tracheasaurus™, Toby Tote™, coloring book)

SLPs and nurses can receive a free CEU credit



RSVP by April 5th to Julie Leahy at jp12002@verizon.net or call
207-233-3709 or 617-527-1990, or e-mail info@trachcare.org

Please contact Julie if you need to bring your child/children or if you have any questions

Agenda:

Hour 1: Learn about the Passy-Muir® Swallowing and Speaking Valves

In this segment Julie from Passy-Muir, Inc. will:

1. Teach parents and caregivers how the valve works.
2. Provide an explanation of the clinical benefits beyond communication such as swallow and secretion management.
3. Describe other communication options if the child is just starting to use or cannot tolerate a Passy-Muir valve.
4. Show pictures and videos of other children using the valve.

During this segment parents and caregivers will be able to ask questions and participate in a hands-on fashion with demonstration models, trach tubes and valves.

Answers to common questions asked by parents will be provided. For example:

- How long do I keep the Passy-Muir valve on?
- How do I clean the valve?
- What do I do if my child is dry and needs humidification?
- Can I drill a hole in the valve if my child is having difficulty?

Hour 2: Product Focus Group Discussion

In this segment, Julie from Passy-Muir, Inc. will gather opinions, experiences and information from the parents and caregivers about the following:

1. Suggestions for changes or improvements to Passy-Muir products.
2. Preferred methods of learning about tracheostomy and speaking valves.
 - a. Websites?
 - b. Pictures, videos?
 - c. Teaching materials such as dolls with trach tubes?
3. Preferred methods of communicating with others families or receiving product information
 - a. Brochures?
 - b. Blog sites, chat rooms?
 - c. Support groups?
 - d. Newsletters?
4. Ideas for needed or new tracheostomy products?
 - a. Trach ties?
 - b. Bath, swimming shield?

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