

Upper airway swelling

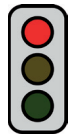
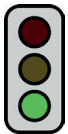


How do I know if my patient's upper airway swelling is reduced enough to extubate?

Deflate cuff and listen for a leak.

Leak

No leak

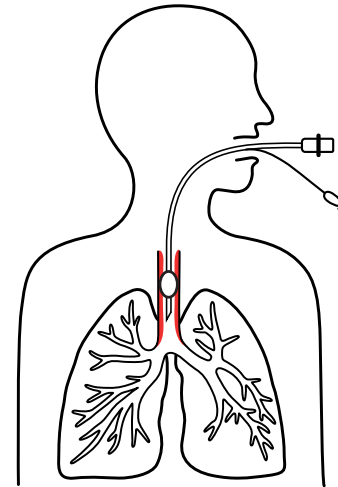


Swelling reduced

Swelling still present

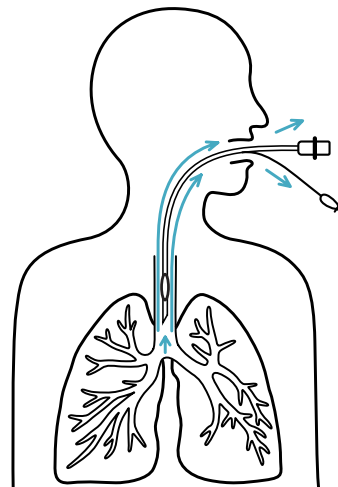
OK to extubate

Check daily

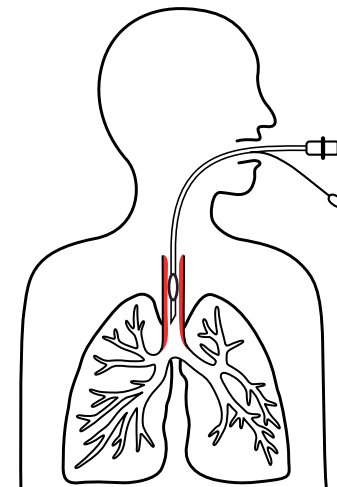
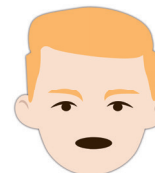


How do we know when the swelling has decreased enough in order to extubate the patient?

Deflate cuff



Leak



No leak

