

SPUTUM SCORE

Score 1: mucoid, clear, white, thin

Action

- Suction minimum 4 hourly
- Check/lean inner tube 6 hourly
- Cold water humidification
- TrachPhone® or Swedish nose®

Score 2: yellow, green

Action

- Suction minimum 2 hourly
- Check/Clean inner 4 hourly
- Check humidification circuit and water level
- Nebulised isotonic saline 4 hourly
- Consider warm water humidification
- Physiotherapy review
- Review and record fluid balance
- Inform CCOT

Score 3: Green, brown, thick, tenacious, purulent

Action

- Suction minimum 1 hourly
- Check/Clean inner 2 hourly
- Check humidification circuit and water level
- Nebulised isotonic saline 2 hourly
- Warmed humidification
- Physiotherapy review
- Review and record fluid balance
- Inform CCOT