

Medical Safety Information

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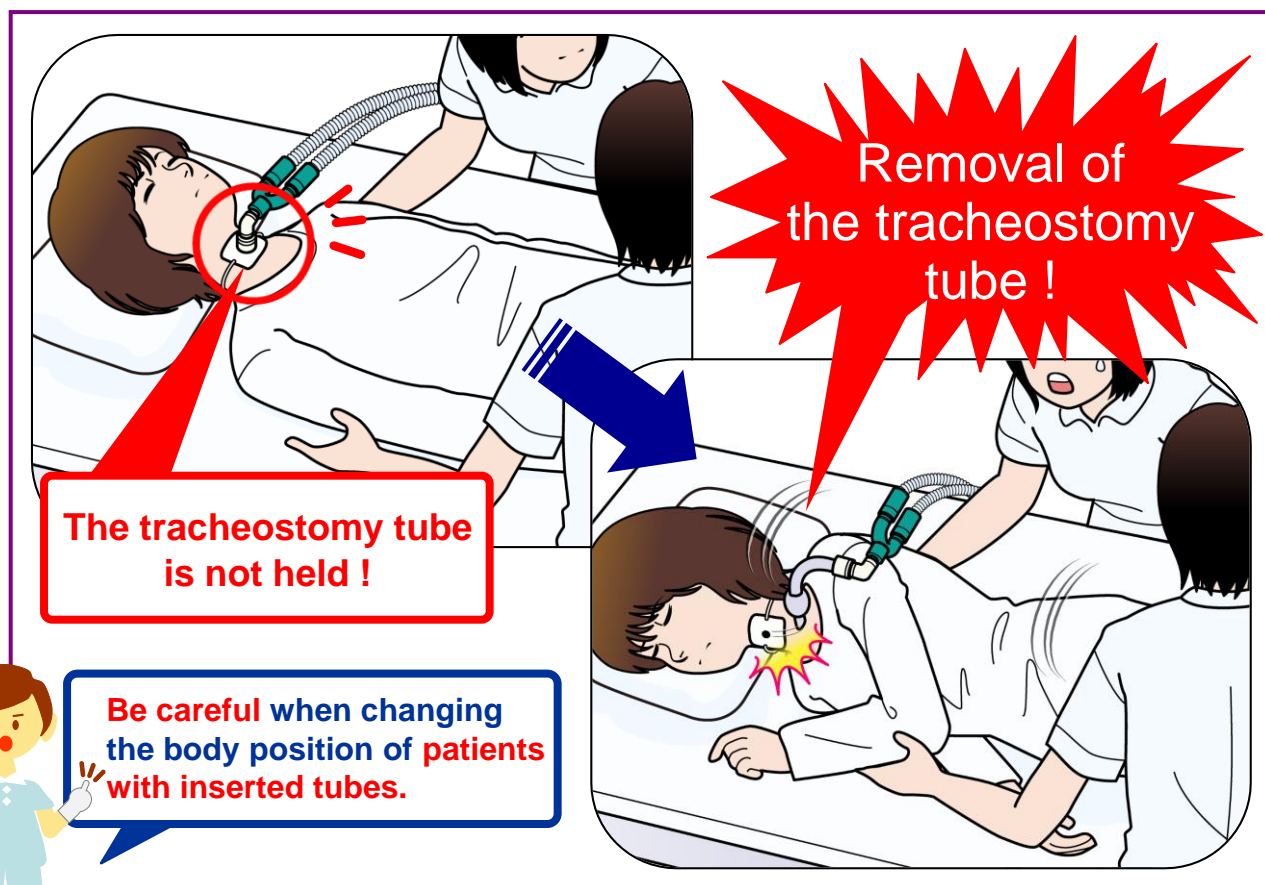
Accidental Removal of Tubes and Lines

POINT Key points for safe use

(Case 1) When the body position of a patient on a ventilator was changed without holding the tracheostomy tube and breathing circuit, the tracheostomy tube was accidentally removed.

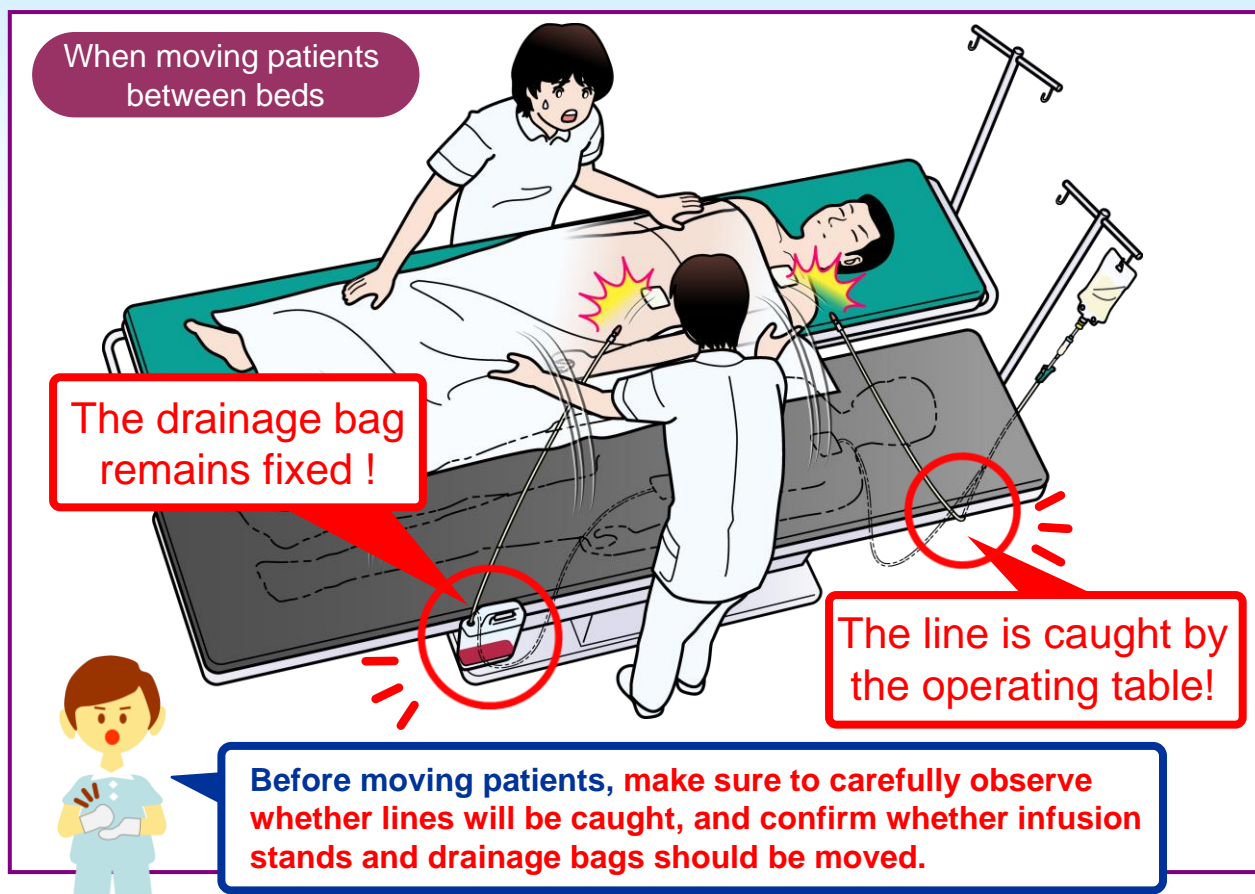
1 Precautions when changing body position

- When changing the body position while using a ventilator, the tracheostomy tube, etc., should be held.



Note) Refer also to the "PMDA Medical Safety Information No. 30" and "PMDA Medical Safety Information No. 35" for information about the risk of re-intubation.

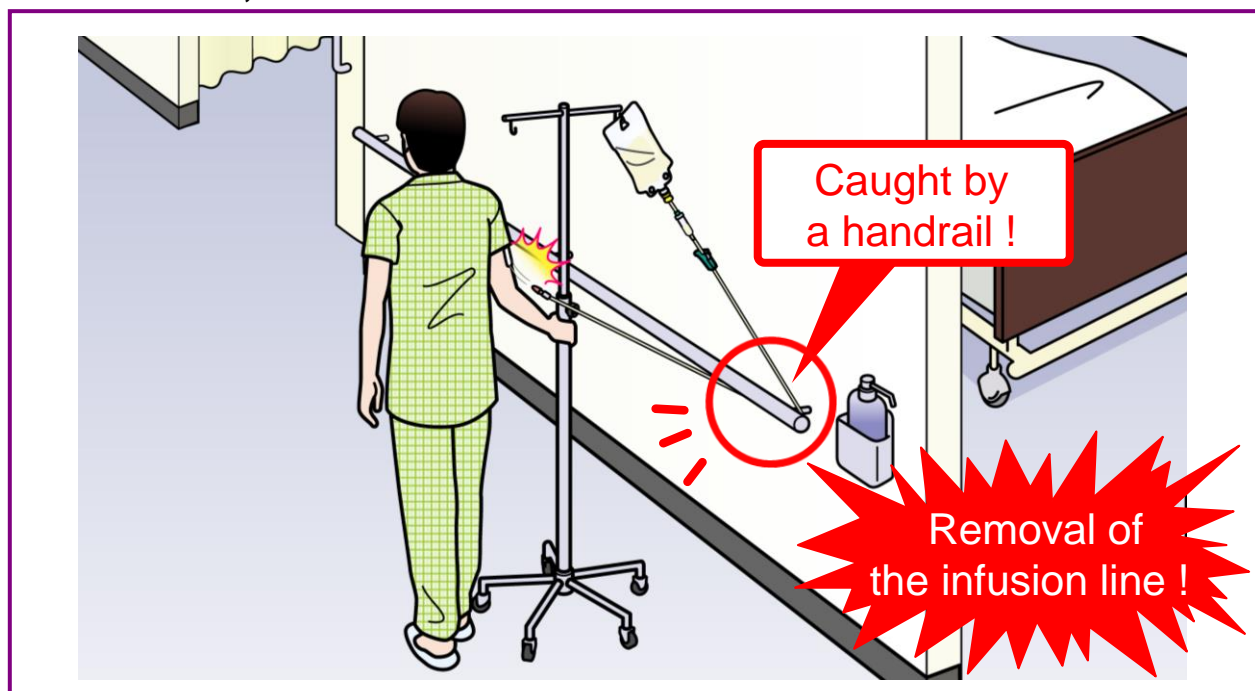
Other cases of accidental removal



(Case 2) While a patient was walking in a hospital, an infusion line was caught by a handrail in the corridor and removed.

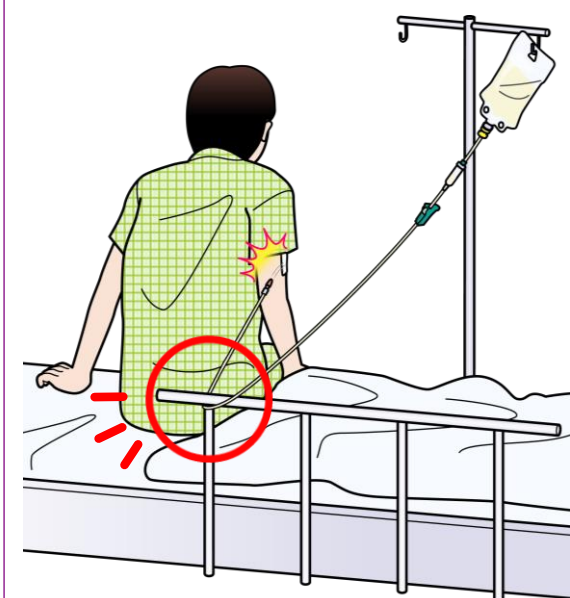
2 Precautions for patients' behaviors

- Depending on certain patient's level and range of activity, adjust the length of the lines, etc.

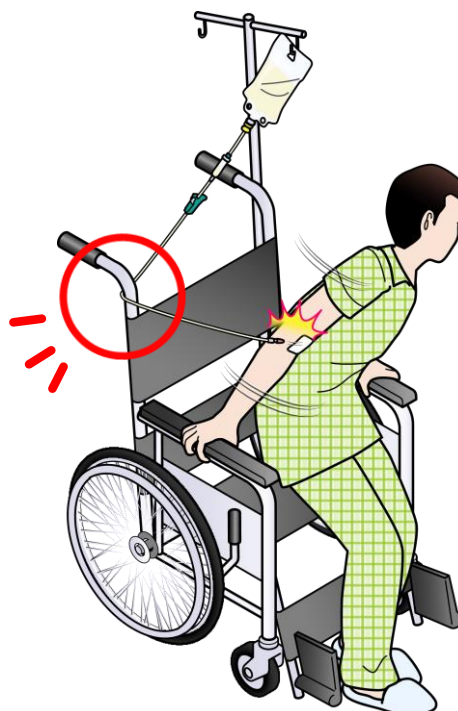


Other cases of accidental removal

Caught by a bed rail



Caught by a wheelchair



Cases of accidental line removal were reported in various situations at hospitals.
Many of them were noted in patients with dementia.

About this information

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