

TESTING PORTABLE & ONBOARD SUCTION UNITS

Please follow manufacturer's recommendations for equipment checks and perform checks more regularly if indicated to do so in the manufacturer's instructions.

To use the vacuum gauge:

When testing each suction unit always start at the end of the suction hose where suction catheter is inserted. This is for both portable and onboard suction units.

- a. Place tip of vacuum gauge into suction tube securely. On some units you will need an adapter that reduces the hose size so a French suction catheter can be used.**
- b. Turn suction unit on**
- c. The needle on the vacuum gauge MUST go up to 300 within 4 seconds**

If vacuum gauge will not reach 300 within 4 seconds you must correct the deficiency

- a. Start with the seal on the collection canister**
 - a. Gasket could be out of place**
 - b. Broken**
 - c. Dry rotted**
- b. Suction hose may be kinked or collapsed**
- c. Collection canister may have a crack in it**
- d. Battery may be dead or weak**
- e. Could be a leak in reserve tank or line before entering patient compartment**
- f. The pump may have become defective**