22.9: XXII Glossary

**Fenestrated cannula:** Type of tracheostomy tube that contains holes so the patient can speak if the cuff is deflated and the inner cannula is removed.

**Flange:** The end of the tracheostomy tube that is placed securely against the patient's neck.

**Inner cannula:** The cannula inside the outer cannula that is removed during tracheostomy care by the nurse. Inner cannulas can be disposable or reusable with appropriate cleaning.

**Oropharyngeal suctioning:** Suction of secretions through the mouth, often using a Yankauer device.

**Outer cannula:** The outer cannula placed by the provider through the tracheostomy hole and continuously remains in place.

**Suction canister:** A container for collecting suctioned secretions that is attached to a suction source.

**Suction catheter:** A soft, flexible, sterile catheter used for nasopharyngeal and tracheostomy suctioning.

**Tracheostomy:** A surgically created opening that goes from the front of the neck into the trachea.

**Tracheostomy dressing:** A manufactured dressing used with tracheostomies that does not shed fibers, which could potentially be inhaled by the patient.

**Yankauer suction tip:** Rigid device used to suction secretions from the mouth.