Assessed for eligibility (n=72)

- Excluded (n=22)
  - Not meeting inclusion criteria (n=0)
  - Declined to participate (n=3)
  - Other reason(s):
    - Equipment not available (n=1)
    - Unable to obtain consent - no next of kin (n=1)
    - Missed (n=17)

Randomized (n=50)

Landmark

- Allocated to intervention (n=25)
  - Received allocated intervention: (n=24)
  - Did not receive allocated intervention (n=1)
  - Reason(s):
    - Died prior to tracheostomy (n=1)

- Lost to follow up (n=1)
  - Reason(s):
    - Transfer to other facility - unable to trace (n=1)

- Discontinued intervention (n=0)

- Analysed (n=24)
  - Excluded from analysis (n=1)
  - Reason(s):
    - Died prior to intervention - no procedural data (n=1)

Ultrasound

- Allocated to intervention (n=25)
  - Received allocated intervention: (n=24)
  - Did not receive allocated intervention (n=1)
  - Reason(s):
    - Died prior to tracheostomy (n=1)

- Lost to follow up (n=0)
  - Discontinued intervention (n=0)

- Analysed (n=23)
  - Excluded from analysis (n=2)
  - Reason(s):
    - Extubated prior to intervention - no data (n=1)
    - Protocol violation - no data/video recorded (n=1)