

Coastal Valleys EMS Agency

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KING AIRWAY SKILLS DEMONSTRATION

NAME _____ DATE _____

EVALUATOR _____

SKILL DEMONSTRATION	SKILL COMPLETION CRITERIA	
Patient Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> States or demonstrates the use of PPE <input type="checkbox"/> Checks airway and breathing – (looks listens and feels_ <input type="checkbox"/> assures adequate airway	
Insert Oropharyngeal Airway	-Demonstrates proper sizing technique – angle of jaw to corner of mouth, or angle of jaw to central incisor -Demonstrates proper insertion technique	
Insert Nasopharyngeal Airway	-Demonstrates proper sizing technique – angle of jaw to nares – states lubrication -Demonstrates proper insertion technique	
Bag-Valve-Mask w/O ₂ reservoir	-Demonstrates proper technique – obtains good seal – proper head position – ventilates at appropriate rate	
King Airway Insertion	-States indications and contraindications -States how tube size is determined and chooses appropriate size tube -Checks equipment: inflates and deflates and checks both cuffs -States would lubricate tube -Positions mannequin properly (neutral position or slightly flexed) -Demonstrates oxygenation with BVM device -Lifts tongue and jaw upward with one hand -Inserts King Tube into mouth laterally with blue stripe near corner of mouth -Advances tip behind the base of the tongue while rotating tube back to midline with blue stripe facing chin of patient -Advances tube without undue force until base of connector aligned with teeth or gums -Inflates cuff with appropriate volume of air for cuff – Size 3 50 ml, Size 4 – 70 ml, Size 5 – 80 ml -Attaches bag to airway and while bagging patient, gently withdraws tube until ventilation easy and free-flowing (large tidal volume with minimal airway pressure) -Adjusts cuff inflation if needed to obtain seal of airway with peak pressures used	
Assesses placement of King	-Listens in lung fields and over epigastrium for	

Airway	breath or gastric sounds -Attaches end-tidal carbon-dioxide device (colorimetric or capnography unit) to assess for carbon dioxide -Verbalizes understanding of end-tidal carbon dioxide results – if negative and patient with pulses, tube not properly placed – if negative and patient without pulses, lung and abdominal exam confirm – if positive, placement confirmed -If proper placement, continues to ventilate at appropriate rate 8-10/minute in arrest situation 10-12/minute in adult with perfusing pulses	
Secures King Airway	Demonstrates using tape or tube holder.	
Reassesses patient	Places patient on continuous end-tidal carbon dioxide monitoring Discusses circumstances when reassessment is essential (after moving patient, upon loading, unloading) and method used	

Station Completion Criteria: Student correctly performs, in proper sequence, all identified critical performance steps.