



Infrequently Used Skills Verification Checklist King Airway Device

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Name:		Date:	
Provider Agency:		Evaluator:	
Objective: Describe the indications for King Airway Device utilization and demonstrate the ability to proficiently perform the procedure.			
Equipment: Appropriate PPE, adult intubation manikin, King Airway Device, appropriate syringe, tape or tube holder, stethoscope, oropharyngeal airway (OPA), bag-valve mask (BVM), nasal cannula (NC), non-rebreather mask (NRM), suction device, ETCO ₂ monitoring equipment, 2% lidocaine (if applicable).			
Performance Criteria: The AEMT, paramedic or optional skills approved EMT will be required to adequately describe the indications for King Airway Device utilization and proficiently perform the procedure on a manikin.			
Step	Description	Does	Does Not
1	Verbalizes/demonstrates use of appropriate PPE		
2	Verbalizes proper King LT-D size based on patient size <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Size 3 – Between 4 and 5 feet tall• Size 4 – Between 5 and 6 feet tall• Size 5 – Over 6 feet tall		
3	Verbalizes indications for King LT-D utilization <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cardiac arrest• Respiratory arrest or severe compromise and unable to adequately ventilate with BVM• Sustained altered mental status with GCS \leq 8 (relative indication)• Impending airway edema in the setting of respiratory tract burn or anaphylaxis (relative indication)		
4	Verbalizes contraindications for King LT-D utilization <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patients under four (4) feet tall• Responsive patient with an intact gag reflex• Patients with known esophageal disease• Patients who have ingested a caustic substance		
5	Verbalizes the following procedures that should be utilized based on patient condition and circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If possible, pre-oxygenate with high flow O₂ via NRM or BVM as appropriate for three (3) minutes• Apply high flow NC (10 – 15 L/min) in addition to NRM or BVM to augment pre-oxygenation• Position patient in a semi-recumbent or reverse trendelenburg position if possible• Continue utilizing passive oxygenation via NC during King LT-D placement attempts		



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6	Verbalizes the following procedure for suspected head/brain injury patients (not applicable to optional skills approved EMT personnel): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider administration of prophylactic lidocaine (1.5mg/kg IV/IO) three (3) minutes prior to intubation whenever possible		
7	Prepares equipment for procedure <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensures suction device is available and working• Selects proper King LT-D size for patient and checks cuff patency• Lubricates distal end of tube with water soluble jelly		
8	Positions head in neutral or slightly flexed position		
9	Performs tongue-jaw lift		
10	Inserts device into mouth with blue stripe near corner of mouth		
11	Advances tip behind the base of the tongue while rotating device back to midline with blue stripe facing chin of patient		
12	Advances device without undue force until base of connector is aligned with teeth or gums		
13	Inflates cuff with appropriate volume of air		
14	Attaches BVM to airway and while ventilating patient, gently withdraws device until ventilation is easy and free flowing		
15	Adjusts cuff inflation if needed to obtain device seal		
16	Confirms airway patency with physical assessment (chest rise, auscultation over the epigastrium and bilaterally over each lung), and appropriate ET/CO ₂ monitoring methods based on available equipment		
17	Properly secures device using tape or commercial tube holder		