



AIRWAY MANAGEMENT (BLS OPTIONAL SCOPE)

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1. BLS Optional Scope Treatment

- 1.1. Oropharyngeal Airway (OPA) can be used as a first line BLS method to secure a patient's airway or in preparation of LMA Supreme placement. OPAs will be indicated in patients that are unresponsive without the presence of a gag reflex. The provider will ensure appropriate sizing prior to placement. If patient tolerates the OPA, the provider should attempt LMA Supreme placement
- 1.2. The LMA Supreme (LMA) will be indicated in the treatment of unconscious adult patients with absent gag reflex who require assisted ventilation or airway securement. The LMA is the preferred method of airway securement if available
 - 1.2.1. Contraindications of the LMA Supreme:
 - 1.2.1.1. Responsive patients with a gag reflex
 - 1.2.1.2. Patients less than 15 years old
- 1.3. Nasopharyngeal Airway (NPA) can be used as a first line BLS method to secure a patient's airway if OPA and/or LMA placement is not possible. The provider will ensure appropriate sizing prior to placement
 - 1.3.1. Contraindications of the NPA:
 - 1.3.1.1. Facial trauma
- 1.4. Bag Valve Mask (BVM) ventilations will be delivered in the range of 10-12 respirations per minute achieving a tidal volume range of 500-600 ml (**attached to oxygen**), regardless of established airway adjunct