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End Time: _____

Inserting a Nasopharyngeal Airway

Objective: To demonstrate how to insert a nasopharyngeal airway.

Skill	Max Points	Skill Demo	
Criteria met: Determines the Scene is Safe, Initiates Standard Precautions, Introduces Self & Obtains Permission to treat/help	-		
S: Size the NPA by holding the tube against the side of the patient's face. • The flange should rest against the nostril, the end should just touch the patient's lower earlobe on the same side of the face. • The outside of the tube should be slightly smaller than the nostril into which it will be placed.	1		
L: Lubricate the adjunct. • Apply a small amount of water-based lubricant along the entire length of the NPA tube.	1		
I: Insert the device. • Hold the tube between your thumb and first two fingers. • Place the bevel side of the tube toward the nasal septum. • Gently insert the tube into the nostril while following the curvature of the tube until the flange is flush with the nostril. • If obstruction is met, pull the tube back slightly and reinsert, again while rotating the tube between your fingers. • Properly placed, the curvature of the tube will follow the natural curve of the nasal passage and lie in the distal portion of the nasopharynx directly above the larynx.	1		

C: Check the device.
• Confirm proper placement of the tube by listening to the patient breath.
• You should be able to hear or feel air movement through the tube.
• If no air is detected, check to see if the patient is still breathing.
    • If the patient is not breathing, assist the patient's ventilations.
    • If the patient is breathing, the tube may be obstructed, may need to be repositioned, or may need to be removed and resized. Rarely, foreign material inside the nose can obstruct the opening of the NPA.
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Must receive 4 out of 4 points.

Comments:_____

Evaluator:_____   NSP ID:_____

PASS   FAIL