**SKILL: Upper Airway obstruction with the use of equipment**

**LEARNER NAME: DATE: / /**

*\*\*Learner expected to introduce him/herself and ask for consent at all times*

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| **No** | **PERFORMANCE** | **Possible Points** | **Points Obtained** | **Competent** | **Omitted** |
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| 1. | Determine the presence of a foreign body  upper airway obstruction (FBUAO) in an unconscious patient with a pulse (e.g. history of choking, failure to achieve chest rise with ventilation, etc.) |  |  |  |  |
| 2. | Object is not visible in the oropharynx |  |  |  |  |
| 3. | *Preparation* |  |  |  |  |
| 3.1 | Laryngoscope  Correctly sized blades  Correctly sized Magill’s forceps  Suction unit with selection of catheters |  |  |  |  |
| 4. | *Removal of obstruction* |  |  |  |  |
| 4.1 | Use laryngoscope to lift tongue and visualise oropharynx & glottic opening |  |  |  |  |
| 4.2 | If obstruction is visible, insert Magill’s forceps / suction catheter into airway and remove obstruction under direct visualisation |  |  |  |  |
| 4.3 | If obstruction can not be removed / reached  / seen, begin CPR |  |  |  |  |
| 5. | *CPR for UAO* |  |  |  |  |
| 5.1 | Immediately begin with 30 compressions |  |  |  |  |
| 5.2 | Before attempting ventilation, open the airway and look into the mouth for any sign of the foreign body (without equipment) |  |  |  |  |
| 5.3 | If no chest rise is achieved with *1st* BVMR  ventilation, return to compressions |  |  |  |  |
| 5.4 | If any sign of the foreign body is observed in the oropharynx, remove with Magill’s forceps /suction under direct visualization |  |  |  |  |
| 5.5 | Continue CPR with ratio of *30:1attempt* until the object is removed, or 5 cycles have been performed |  |  |  |  |
| 6. | After 5 cycles or 2 minutes of CPR, perform  *surgical crichothyroidotomy* |  |  |  |  |
| 7. | If still unable to achieve chest rise with ventilation through the ETT following surgical crichothyroidotomy, advance the ET tube in an attempt to force the obstruction into the right main bronchus |  |  |  |  |
| 8. | Attempt ventilation |  |  |  |  |
| 9. | If effective assess circulation |  |  |  |  |
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References:

* HPCSA
* AHA

**Overall assessment of learner’s performance:**

**NOT YET COMPETENT**

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