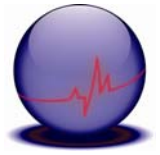




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EMT BASICS: LEARNING SHEET**



NASOPHARYNGEAL AIRWAY INSERTION

OBJECTIVE: Student will demonstrate the ability to correctly measure and insert a nasopharyngeal airway.

EQUIPMENT:

1. Intubation manikin
2. Nasopharyngeal Airways (NPAs) – Various Sizes
3. Airway Lubricant

NPA Adult Technique:

1.	Takes body substance isolation precautions.
2.	Sizes airway: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proper diameter of the airway is determined by measuring it against the patient's little finger OR the size of the patient's nostril.• The length is measured from the patient's nostril to the tip of the ear lobe or the angle of the jaw to the tip of the nose.
3.	The airway is lubricated with a water-soluble lubricant.
4.	The airway is gently inserted with the bevel towards the nasal septum or floor of the nose.
5.	If resistance is met, airway is removed and insertion attempted in other nostril.
6.	Inserts the airway until the flange rests on the nostril.

CRITICAL CRITERIA

• Did not take or verbalize BSI	• Did not immediately remove NPA if resistance is met while inserting.
• Did not obtain a patent airway with the NPA	• Failure to Manage Patient as a Competent EMT
• Inserted NPA in a manner dangerous to the patient	