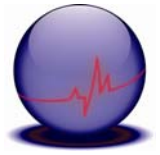




**FAST RESPONSE SCHOOL OF HEALTHCARE EDUCATION
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN
EMT BASICS: LEARNING SHEET**



ORAL SUCTIONING

OBJECTIVE:

Student will demonstrate the ability to correctly suction a patient's oropharynx.

EQUIPMENT:

1. Intubation manikin.
2. Suction Device.
3. Tonsil tip catheter.
4. Suction tubing.

Oral Suctioning Technique:

1.	Takes body substance isolation precautions.
2.	Gathers and assembles necessary equipment. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attaches catheter to suction tubing• Attaches suction tubing to suction device
3.	Tests suction device to ensure suction is being provided
4.	Opens mouth and holds open properly (crossed-finger technique)
5.	Removes any visible objects such as large chunks of food or clots.
6.	Inserts suction catheter without suction
7.	Inserts suction catheter not further than recommended distance. Should not lose sight of tip in back of oropharynx.
8.	Applies suction during removal of catheter
9.	Provides suction for no longer than 15 seconds in adults. (5-10 seconds in infants and children.)
10.	Cleans tubing as needed after each insertion.
11.	Reassesses airway.

CRITICAL CRITERIA

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Did not take or verbalize BSI• Did not demonstrate an acceptable suction technique.• Inserted catheter further than predetermined distance.• Applies suction while inserting catheter.• Suction applied longer than 15 seconds for adults or 5-10 seconds for infants/child.• Inserts catheter and suctions in a manner that is dangerous to the patient.• Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
