

INSERT AN OROPHARYNGEAL AIRWAY

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TABLES: II

REFERENCES: STP 8-68W13-SM-TG, Task: 081-833-0016, Insert an Oropharyngeal Airway (J Tube); Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Wounded.

1. Soldier (*Last Name, First Name, MI*)

2. Date (*YYYYMMDD*)

CONDITIONS: Given a casualty with an obstructed or difficult airway in a clinical environment or field setting. You have been provided the necessary medical equipment. You are not in a CBRN environment.
One of the most critical skills that a Soldier Medic must know is airway management. Without proper airway management techniques and oxygen administration, your casualty may die needlessly. The Soldier Medic must be able to choose, and effectively use, the proper equipment for maintaining an open and clear airway and for administering oxygen for both medical and trauma casualties.

STANDARDS: Demonstrate the appropriate techniques and procedures for inserting an oropharyngeal airway. Perform all measures IAW Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured. You must score at least 70% (*6 of 8 steps*) and not miss any critical (*) elements on the skill sheet.

SAFETY:

- Risk Assessment: Low. All bodily fluids should be considered potentially infectious; always observe body substance isolation (*BSI*)
- Precautions: Wear gloves and eye protection as a minimal standard of protection.
- Environmental: None.

NOTE: Soldier Medics must be observed. (*Evaluator to Soldier Medic ratio is 1:6*).

TEST SCENARIO:

While responding to an emergency call, you encounter a casualty with an altered level of consciousness and an absent gag reflex. An airway must be established immediately. You must insert an oropharyngeal airway (*OPA*); you have been provided the necessary medical equipment.

3. Evaluator's Comments and After-Test Recommendations:

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Grading Sheet**

TASK	COMPLETED					
	1ST		2ND		3RD	
	P	F	P	F	P	F
4.						
a. * Took/verbalized body substance isolation (BSI) precautions.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
b. Selected the appropriate size oropharyngeal airway.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
c. Opened the casualty's mouth using the chin-lift maneuver.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
d. Inserted the airway without pushing the tongue posteriorly.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
e. * Obtained a patent airway with the oropharyngeal airway. NOTE: Evaluator must advise the Soldier Medic that the casualty is gagging and becoming conscious.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
f. Removed the oropharyngeal airway.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
g. Documented the procedure on the appropriate form.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
h. * Did not cause further injury to the casualty.	<input type="checkbox"/>					

* CRITICAL ELEMENTS

**INSERT AN OROPHARYNGEAL AIRWAY
EVALUATOR GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS**

Inform the Soldier Medic of the CONDITIONS and STANDARDS as stated on this form.
Provide an optional scenario, if appropriate. This scenario should reinforce the unique or particular needs of the unit.
Allow sufficient time for the Soldier Medic to extract information from the scenario.
Provide each evaluator with the grading sheet.
Ensure the Soldier Medic has all required materials.
Explain how the exercise is graded.

Resource Requirements:

Evaluator: Grading sheet and applicable scenario.

Soldier Medic: Applicable scenario, medical aid bag stocked with a basic load including an oropharyngeal airway.

Additional Scoring Guidelines: None.