

OPEN THE AIRWAY

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TABLES: I, VI

REFERENCES: STP 8-68W13-SM-TG, Task: 081-831-0018, Open the Airway; Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Wounded.

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

2. Date (YYYYMMDD)

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

STANDARDS: Demonstrate the appropriate techniques and procedures for opening the casualty's airway. Perform all measures IAW Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured. You must score at least 70% (*10 of 14 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. An open airway must be established immediately. You must demonstrate the techniques and procedures for opening the airway on both a medical casualty and a trauma casualty.

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

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**OPEN THE AIRWAY
Grading Sheet**

TASK	COMPLETED					
	1ST		2ND		3RD	
	P	F	P	F	P	F
4. Medical Casualty						
a. * Took/verbalized body substance isolation (BSI) precautions.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
b. * Established an airway using the head-tilt/chin-lift maneuver. EVALUATOR: If the casualty is in a prone position during this maneuver, observe closely to ensure the Soldier Medic rolls the casualty on their back as a unit despite the absence of trauma.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
c. Removed any foreign material or vomitus seen in the mouth as quickly as possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
d. Checked for breathing within 3-5 seconds (using the look, listen and feel technique).	<input type="checkbox"/>					
e. Took appropriate action (s) if the casualty was not breathing.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
f. If the casualty was breathing on their own, placed the casualty in the recovery position.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
5. Trauma Casualty						
a. *Took/verbalized body substance isolation (BSI) precautions.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
b. *Established an airway using the jaw-thrust maneuver. EVALUATOR: Observe to ensure the Soldier Medic does not tilt or rotate the casualty's head during this maneuver.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
c. Removed any foreign material or vomitus seen in the mouth as quickly as possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
d. Checked for breathing within 3-5 seconds (using the look, listen and feel technique).	<input type="checkbox"/>					
e. Took appropriate action (s) if the casualty was not breathing.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
f. If the casualty was breathing on their own, stabilized the casualty in the supine position until fully immobilized on a long spine board.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
g. Documented the procedure on the appropriate medical form.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
h. * Did not cause further injury to the casualty.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
* CRITICAL ELEMENTS						

**OPEN THE 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.

Additional Scoring Guidelines:

MEDICAL CASUALTY

Established an airway using the head-tilt/chin-lift method.

- Rolled the casualty onto their back if necessary.
- Kneled beside the casualty.
- Placed one hand on the casualty's forehead and applied firm backward pressure with palm to tilt the head back.
- Placed fingertips of other hand under the lower jaw near the bony part of the casualty's chin.
- Lifted the chin upward, bringing the entire lower jaw with it, helping to tilt the head back.

TRAUMA CASUALTY

Established an airway using the jaw-thrust maneuver.

- Kneled above the supine casualty.
- Placed fingers behind the angles of the lower jaw and forcefully moved the jaw upward.
- Used thumbs to help position the lower jaw to allow breathing through the mouth as well as the nose.
- Stabilized the casualty's head with forearms.