

7.01 AIRWAY MANAGEMENT

BLS Treatment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assess circulation, airway, breathing, and responsiveness.• Assist ventilations with BVM and 100% oxygen if indicated.• Pulse oximetry, if approved by Provider Medical Director.• OPA or NPA as indicated.• BLS maneuvers to remove Foreign Body Airway Obstruction as indicated.• Oxygen as indicated.
ALS Treatment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ALS maneuvers to remove Foreign Body Airway Obstruction as indicated• Advanced airway as indicated; including CPAP, ETT, NTT, Extraglottic (KING Tube) and Needle Cricothyrotomy.• Video Laryngoscopy, if available, has been approved by the Medical Director.• Needle Cricothyrotomy with jet insufflation is the airway of LAST RESORT when all other methods of establishing and maintaining a patent airway have been attempted and have failed.• Target O2 saturation 94-95%.

AGE-BASED AIRWAY TREATMENT:

Between 0 & 8 years:

- Laryngoscopy to remove foreign body (as indicated).
- Extraglottic Airway for airway management in pediatric patients who cannot be adequately managed with BLS airway adjuncts.

Greater than 8 years:

- CPAP as indicated.
- Oral ETT (preferred) or Nasal ETT (DO NOT use in patients < 30 kg).
- If unsuccessful return to BVM or use Extraglottic Airway.
- Extraglottic Airway may be used initially.