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air-Q Trial



Upon review of air-Q uses to date, three issues have surfaced.

1. The securing device is inadequate.
2. The side port for potential gastric tube placement directs gastric contents onto EMS providers.
3. Initial training did not include adequate opportunity for practice.

In response, as of Friday, July 10, airway management protocol will be changed as follows:

Indications:

Cardiac or respiratory arrest or severe respiratory compromise ONLY when BVM ventilation is inadequate. Endotracheal intubation may be performed only if BVM and air-Q are not successful.

We will re-evaluate use of the air-Q when we have resolution to the current issues.

For questions, please call Katy Hadduck at the Ventura County EMS Agency.

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