



VCEMS Training Bulletin

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Needle Decompression Devices:

SPEAR



Some of the agencies are now using various types of devices for a Needle Thoracostomy.

These devices feature a sharp needle point, reducing the amount of force required to insert the needle, and the SPEAR device has a spin-lock feature that helps prevent premature separation between the needle and catheter.

There are no changes in the indications, procedure, and documentation for these devices.

Continue to follow VCEMS Policy 715.

If your agency carries these devices, you have already been trained. If your agency does not carry the SPEAR or the One-Way Check Valve, this bulletin is for “information only” as you may be working with a medic that will insert one of these devices.

Thank you!

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