

COMBITUBE

INDICATIONS

1. Endotracheal Intubation not possible
2. Unconscious - no purposeful movement, no gag reflex
3. Apneic or agonal respirations less than 8/min
4. At least 5 ft tall

CONTRAINDICATIONS

1. Patients under 5 ft tall
2. Suspected hydro-carbia or caustic ingestion
3. Suspected narcotic overdose
4. Oral-Pharyngeal resistance
5. Laryngectomy or tracheal stoma

PROCEDURE:

1. **C-Spine immobilization if injury suspected**
2. **Have suction immediately available**
3. **Hyperventilate with 100% O2 for 1 minute**
4. **Insert within 20 seconds**
5. **Insert and advance until patients teeth are between two black lines**
6. **Do not force advancement of tube**
7. **Over 20 s withdraw and re-ventilate**
8. **Inflate both balloons in following order**
 - A. **Pharyngeal (number 1, blue pilot port) 100 ml**
 - B. **Distal port (number 2, white pilot port 15 ml**
9. **Ventilate through pharyngeal (number 1) port**
10. **Check for proper tube placement**
 - A. **Assess chest rise**
 - B. **Check adequacy of breathing**
 - C. **Check absence of epigastric air entry**
 - D. **Reassess placement after every move**
11. **If ventilating are not adequate, ventilate through distal (number 2) port.**
12. **Secure tube as soon as possible**
13. **After placement, ventilate with BVMD & 100% O2**