



Airway Intubation Confirmation-Esophageal Bulb

Clinical Indications:

- To assist in determining and documenting the correct placement of an endotracheal or nasotracheal tube.

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Procedure:

- Complete intubation as per Airway Intubation-Oral or Airway Intubation-Nasal protocols.
- Place the bulb device over the proximal end of the ETT or NTT. Squeeze the bulb to remove air prior to securing the bulb on the tube.
- Once secured on the tube, release the bulb.
- If the bulb expands evenly and easily, this indicates probable tracheal intubation. Assessment of the patients breath sounds bilaterally should also be performed.
- If the bulb does not expand easily, this indicates possible esophageal intubation and the need to reassess the airway.
- Document time and result in the patient care report (PCR).

Certification Requirements:

- Maintain knowledge of the indications, contraindications, technique, and possible complications of the procedure. Assessment of this knowledge may be accomplished via quality assurance mechanisms, classroom demonstrations, skills stations, or other mechanisms as deemed appropriate by the local EMS System.