



# PROTOCOL

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<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>AIRWAY MANAGEMENT</b>
<b>STATEMENT:</b>	This protocol will serve to provide a distinct process and guidance for managing a patient's airway. Treatment will be aimed at establishing airway patency and adequate ventilation.
<b>PROTOCOLS:</b>	<b>AIRWAY MANAGEMENT</b>
<b>SCOPE:</b>	BLS, ALS, Critical Care
<b>RELATED DOCUMENTS:</b>	Scope of Practice General Medical Medical Control Rapid Sequence Intubation Crash Airway Obstructed Airway Failed Airway

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<b>PROTOCOL I:</b>	<b>AIRWAY MANAGEMENT</b>
<b>CRITERIA FOR INTERVENTION:</b>	Airway management for all patients assessed and cared for by Magic Valley Paramedic teams.

### CLINICAL TREATMENT GUIDELINES:

- I. Assess the following:
  - a. Ability to protect the airway
  - b. Breathing
  - c. Oxygenation
  - d. Anticipated clinical course
- II. Consider supplemental oxygen to maintain SpO2  $\geq$  94%
- III. Evaluate the following interventions for the likelihood of success, starting with least invasive:
  - a. Non-Invasive Positive Pressure ventilation (CPAP)
  - b. Nasal and/or oral pharyngeal airway (NPA, OPA)
  - c. Bag-Valve-Mask ventilation
  - d. Supra-Glottic Airway (SGA) – King,
  - e. Video or Direct Laryngoscopy and intubation

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- i. Video Laryngoscopy will be first line unless physiology contraindicates use (i.e. premature infants)
- f. Cricothyrotomy

### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- I. N/A