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| **Skill Sheet** |
| **Nasopharyngeal Airway** |
| **Objective:** **DEMONSTRATE** the recommended procedure for insertion of a Nasopharyngeal Airway. |
| **References:** |
| PHTLS (Military Version) Eighth Edition, Jones and Bartlett Learning  ATLS Manual, American College of Surgeons, Chicago, IL |
| **Evaluation:** Students will be evaluated as a Pass/Fail (P/F). The instructor will verify the accuracy of the student’s ability to insert a Nasopharyngeal Airway on an airway trainer by means of observing the student’s procedures and technique. |
| **Materials:** |
| Student Checklist |
| Airway Simulator, Nasopharyngeal Airway, surgical lubricant |
| **Instructor Guidelines:** |
| 1. Provide each instructor with a Student Checklist. |
| 1. Ensure student has all student-required materials. |
| 1. Read the Learning Objective and the evaluation method to the student. |
| 1. Explain the grading of the exercise. |
| 1. Allow time for the students to extract the information required from the instructor-provided scenario. |
| **Performance Steps:** |
| 1. Assemble and test all necessary equipment. |
| 1. Assess the upper airway for visible obstruction. |
| 1. Open the airway with a chin lift/jaw thrust maneuver. |
| 1. Verbalize the indications for a Nasopharyngeal Airway – unconscious patient. |
| 5. Lubricate the Nasopharyngeal Airway with a surgical lubricant. |
| 1. Insert the airway into the nose at a 90 degree angle to the face. Avoid aiming upwards towards the top of the head. Insert all the way to the flange. |
| 1. Use a rotary and/or back-and-forth motion to facilitate insertion. |
| 1. If unable to insert on one side of the nasal passage, take it out and try the other side. |

**Insert a Nasopharyngeal Airway**

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| **Task** | **Completed** | | |
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| Assessed the upper airway for visible obstruction. | **P / F** | **P / F** | **P / F** |
| Opened the airway with a chin lift/jaw thrust maneuver. | **P / F** | **P / F** | **P / F** |
| Lubricated the Nasopharyngeal Airway with a surgical lubricant. | **P / F** | **P / F** | **P / F** |
| Inserted the airway into the nose at a 90 degree angle to the face. Avoided aiming upwards towards the top of the head. Inserted all the way to the flange | **P / F** | **P / F** | **P / F** |
| Used a rotary and/or back-and-forth motion to facilitate insertion. | **P / F** | **P / F** | **P / F** |
| If unable to insert on one side of the nasal passage, took the NPA out and inserted on the other side. | **P / F** | **P / F** | **P / F** |

**Critical Criteria:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Aimed the NPA towards the top of the head during insertion.

\_\_\_\_\_ Performed procedure in a manner that was dangerous to the casualty.

**Evaluator's Comments:**

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| Student Name: |  | | Date: | |  | | |
| Evaluator: |  | Pass: | |  | | Fail: |  |