

Supraglottic Airway Medical Directive

An Advanced Care Paramedic may provide the treatment prescribed in this Medical Directive if authorized.

Indications

Need for ventilatory assistance or airway control;

AND

Other airway management is ineffective.

Conditions

Supraglottic Airway	
Age	N/A
LOA	N/A
HR	N/A
RR	N/A
SBP	N/A
Other	Absent gag reflex

Contraindications

Supraglottic Airway

Airway obstructed by a foreign object

Known esophageal disease (varices)

Trauma to the oropharynx

Caustic ingestion

Treatment

Consider supraglottic airway insertion

The maximum number of supraglottic airway insertion attempts is 2.

Confirm supraglottic airway placement

Method	Method
<i>Primary</i>	<i>Secondary</i>
ETCO ₂ (Waveform capnography)	ETCO ₂ (Non-waveform device)
	Auscultation
	Chest rise

Clinical Considerations

An attempt at supraglottic airway insertion is defined as the insertion of the supraglottic airway into the mouth.

Confirmation of supraglottic airway must use ETCO₂ (Waveform capnography). If waveform capnography is not available or is not working, then at least 2 secondary methods must be used.