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**SKILL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

**AIRWAY MANAGEMENT**

**SUCTIONING – OROPHARYNGEAL**

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| **SCENARIO:**  |  |
| **EXAMINER(S):** |  | FAILPASS | **Attempt: 1st 2nd 3rd (final)** |

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| **PREPARATION AND SCENE SIZE UP** |
| **Skill Component** | **Yes** | **No** | **Comments** |
| Establishes standard precautions |  |  |  |
| Performs scene size up |  |  |  |
| **PATIENT PREPARATION** |
| **Skill Component** | **Yes** | **No** | **Comments** |
| **ASSESS****PATIENT** | Assesses the patient for the need to suction oral secretions (gurgling, audible upper airway secretions)  |  |  |  |
| **PREPARE****SUCTION** | Identifies which catheter type is appropriate |  |  |  |
| Opens appropriately sized kits/supplies (pediatric patients refer to the length base tape) |  |  |  |
| Ensures suction device is functioning |  |  |  |
| Connects the catheter to the suction tubing/device |  |  |  |
| Identifies proper depth of catheter by measuring from corner of mouth to ear lobe or angle of jaw  |  |  |  |
| Pre-oxygenate | Administers high flow oxygen at 15 L/min or ventilates with BVM when indicated |  |  |  |
| **PROCEDURE WITH RIGID CATHETER (TONSIL TIP: YANKAUER, DUCANTO)** |
| **Skill Component** | **Yes** | **No** | **Comments** |
| **INSERT****CATHETER** | Opens the patient’s mouth by scissor technique or applying pressure on the chin with the rescuer’s thumb |  |  |  |
| Inserts and gently advances a rigid catheter into mouth to predetermined depth without applying suction |  |  |  |
| **SUCTION** | Suctions while withdrawing using a circular motion around mouth, pharynx and gum line until debris or secretions are cleared |  |  |  |
| If patient requires ventilation/oxygen, suctions no more than 10 seconds per occurrence to prevent hypoxia  |  |  |  |
| **REASSESS** | Reassesses for airway patency |  |  |  |
| Oxygenate & Ventilate | Replaces oxygen source or ventilates appropriately |  |  |  |
| **DISCARD** | Discards or secures contaminated supplies in approved container |  |  |  |
| Replaces catheter into package and places it in a clean area for future use |  |  |  |
| **PROCEDURE WITH FLEXIBLE CATHETER (WHISTLE STOP, FRENCH)**  |
| **Skill Component** | **Yes** | **No** | **Comments** |
| **INSERT****CATHETER** | Suctions a small amount of sterile irrigation solution to lubricate the catheter |  |  |  |
| Opens the patient’s mouth by scissor technique or applying pressure on the chin with the rescuer’s thumb |  |  |  |
| Inserts the flexible catheter along the roof of the mouth and advances to predetermined depth without applying suction |  |  |  |
| **SUCTION** | Suctions while withdrawing and moving catheter from side to side around mouth, pharynx and gum line until debris or secretions are cleared |  |  |  |
| If patient requires ventilation/oxygen, suctions no more than 10 seconds per occurrence to prevent hypoxia  |  |  |  |
| **REASSESS** | Reassesses for airway patency  |  |  |  |
| Oxygenate & Ventilate | Replaces oxygen source or ventilates appropriately |  |  |  |
| **DISCARD** | Suctions the remaining sterile irrigation solution into a canister and discards appropriately |  |  |  |
| Replaces catheter into package and places it in a clean area for future use |  |  |  |
| **BULB SYRINGE PROCEDURE** |
| **Skill Component** | **Yes** | **No** | **Comments** |
| **INSERT****SYRINGE** | Depresses the bulb syringe |  |  |  |
| Opens the patient’s mouth by scissor technique or applying pressure on the chin with rescuer’s thumb |  |  |  |
| Inserts tip into mouth and advances gently to back of mouth |  |  |  |
| **SUCTION** | Releases pressure on bulb slowly to draw secretions into syringe |  |  |  |
| Removes syringe from mouth  |  |  |  |
| Repeats as necessary until debris or secretions are cleared |  |  |  |
| Suction nares | Suctions nares with bulb syringe when indicated |  |  |  |
| **REASSESS** | Reassesses for airway patency  |  |  |  |
| Oxygenate & Ventilate | Replaces oxygen source or ventilates appropriately |  |  |  |

**Critical Actions are in BOLD and CAPITALIZED and are required for passing this skill**

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY (DHS) POLICY REFERENCES**

TP 1234, **Airway Obstruction**; MCG 1302, [**Airway Management and Monitoring**](https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dhs/1040523_1302-AirwayManagement.pdf)

**PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES**

Demonstrate competency in performing oropharyngeal suctioning using a rigid and flexible suction catheter and a bulb syringe.

**EQUIPMENT**

Simulated adult and pediatric airway management manikin, oxygen tank with connecting tubing, suction device (portable or fixed) with connecting tubing, or hand-powered suction device with adaptor, hard and flexible suction catheters, bulb syringe, normal saline irrigation solution, container, gloves, eye protection, masks, gown, appropriate waste receptacle, timing device.