

I-GEL AND EMT AIRWAY UPDATES



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Objectives:

Identify the indications for the use of the i-GEL airway

Identify the indications for the use of C-PAP

Identify the indications for the use of a nebulizer

Demonstrate the proper use of the i-GEL supraglottic airway during practical breakout session

Demonstrate the proper use of a C-PAP device

Demonstrate the proper set up and use of a nebulizer including an in-line procedure

Introducing

i-gel O/2™



What's an i-gel?



Latex free, sterile, single
pt use supraglottic airway
Will replace King LT-D

I-GEL Supraglottic Airway

- New device – New procedure
- The I-Gel airway will be replacing the King LT-D tube.
- Indications will remain the same as King LT-D
- Medications (if necessary) will remain the same
- Pediatric size available

i-gel Features

Standard 15 mm connector

Gastric channel
(suction port)

Epiglottic rest avoids
downfolding of
epiglottis

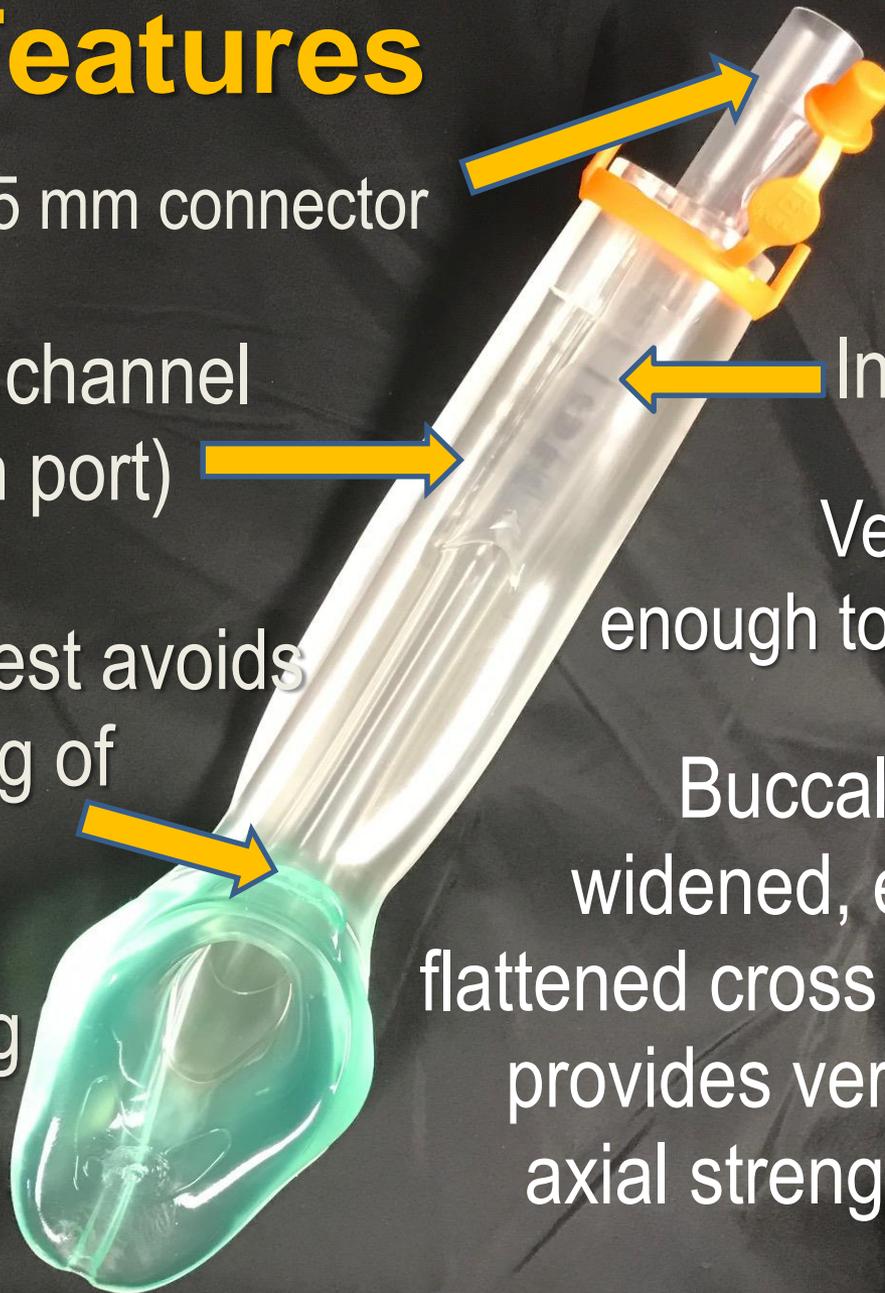
Non-inflating
cuff

Oxygen port

Integral bite block

Ventilation lumen large
enough to pass standard ETT,

Buccal cavity stabilizer:
widened, elliptical, laterally
flattened cross sectional shape,
provides vertical stability and
axial strength upon insertion



Why the change?

- Evolving science affirms need to provide effective airways for all – adult and peds
- Did not have effective extraglottic alternative to pediatric intubation
- King LT placement success rates variable and declining
- Possible disadvantages to King LT cuffs with tissue compression & displacement

Lots of data considered

Comparative study between I-gel and LMA in anesthetized spontaneously ventilated patients (Helmy, A.M., Atef, H.M., El-Taher, E.M., and Henidak, A.M. (2010). Saudi J Anaesth. 4(3), 131–136.

Objective: *To compare the LMA and the I-gel, re: ease of device insertion, leak pressure, gastric insufflation, ETCO₂, O₂ saturation, hemodynamic and postoperative complications in anesthetized, spontaneously ventilated adult patients performing different non-emergency surgical procedures.*

Results: *No statistically significant difference between groups re: HR, arterial BP, SpO₂ and ETCO₂. The mean duration of insertion attempts was 15.6±4.9 sec in i-gel group, 26.2±17.7 sec in LMA group. Leak pressure was (25.6±4.9 vs. 21.2±7.7 cm H₂O) significantly higher in the i-gel group (P=0.016) and gastric insufflation was significantly more in LMA group 22.5% vs. 5%.*

Crossover Comparison of the Laryngeal Mask Supreme™ and the i-gel™ in Simulated Difficult Airway Scenario in Anesthetized Patients

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Cross-Over Assessment of the AmbuAuraGain, MA Supreme New Cuff and Intersurgical I-Gel in Fresh Cadavers

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Abstract

Background: The AmbuAuraGain is a new single-use supraglottic airway channel designed to facilitate intubation. The aim of the study was to assess and the performance of the AuraGain in fresh cadavers compared to that of LMA Supreme New Cuff. **Methods:** The 3 devices were inserted in random cadavers without difficult airway criteria. The assessed items were: Insertion attempts and ease of insertion, airway seal pressure, ease of gastric tube insertion, efficacy of guided tracheal intubation through the AuraGain, and fit by lateral X-ray and neck dissections. **Results:** All devices were successfully inserted within 3



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Randomised Comparison of the Supreme Laryngeal Mask Airway with the i-gel during Anaesthesia

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Studies Underway to Evaluate the Use of Supraglottic Airways vs. Intubation in Cardiac Arrest Patients

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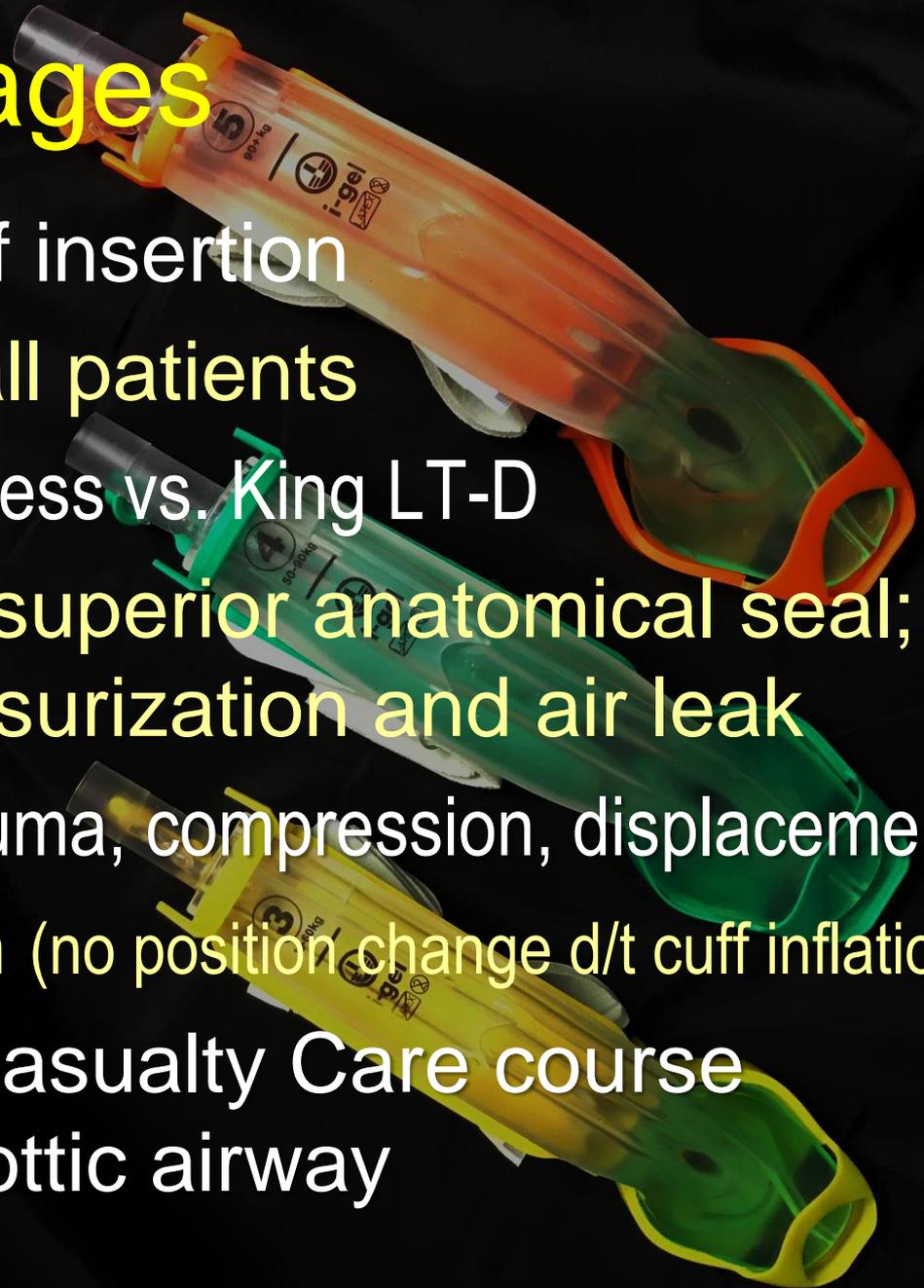
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assigned as their initial airway of choice for the duration of the two-year study.

i-gel Advantages

- Ease and speed of insertion
- Multiple sizes for all patients
- Better 1st attempt success vs. King LT-D
- Non-inflating cuff; superior anatomical seal; less cuff over pressurization and air leak
- Minimal risk tissue trauma, compression, displacement
- Stability after insertion (no position change d/t cuff inflation)
- Tactical Combat Casualty Care course choice for supraglottic airway



Indications same as King LTS-D

First line advanced airway during cardiac arrest

Need for advanced airway in unconscious
pt w/ NO gag - 2 attempts ETI
unsuccessful or not advised

S&S difficult intubation

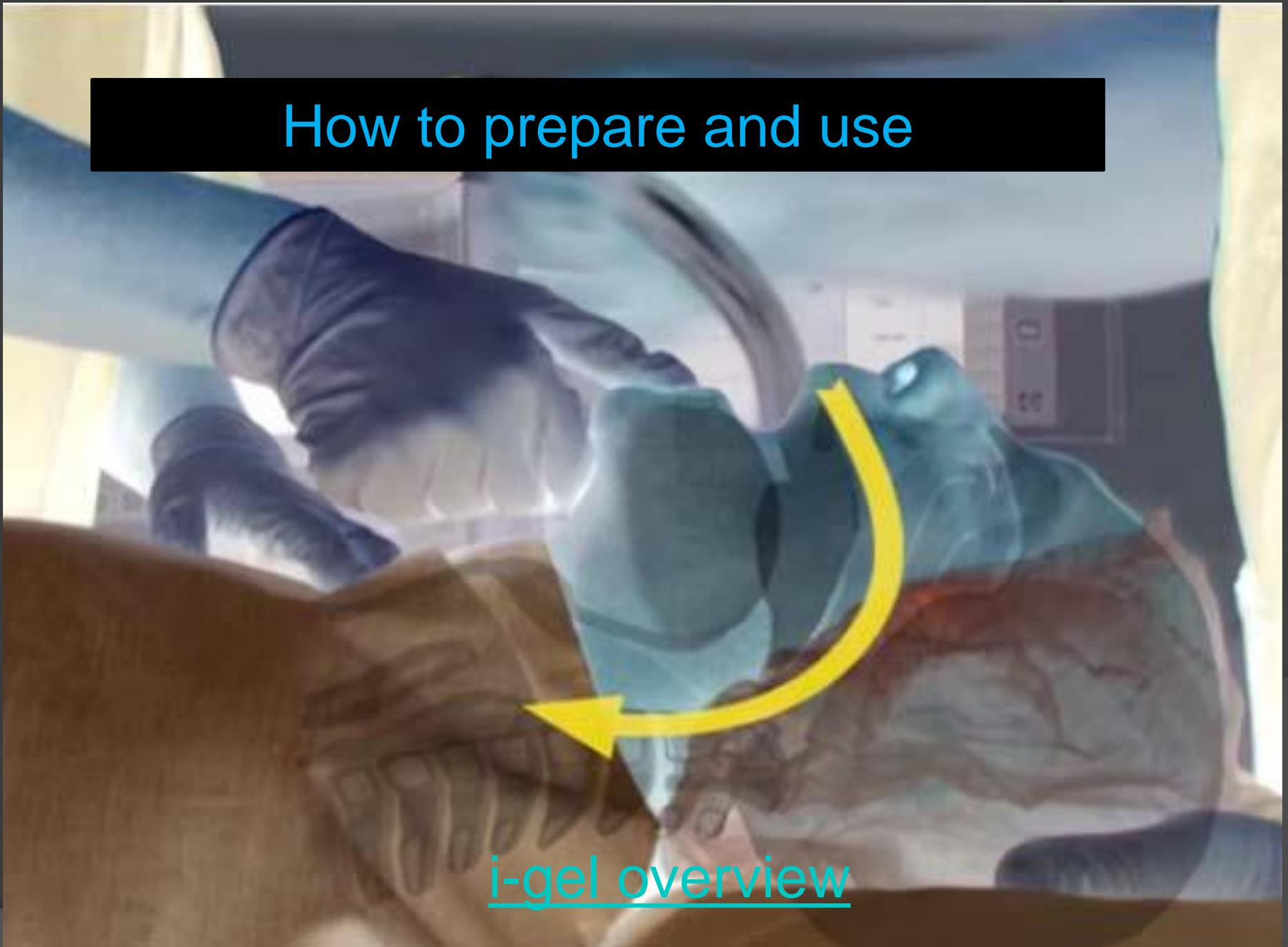
Contraindications

- +Gag reflex
- Caustic ingestion
- Trismus/Lockjaw
- Limited mouth opening
- Pharyngo trauma, or mass



How to prepare and use

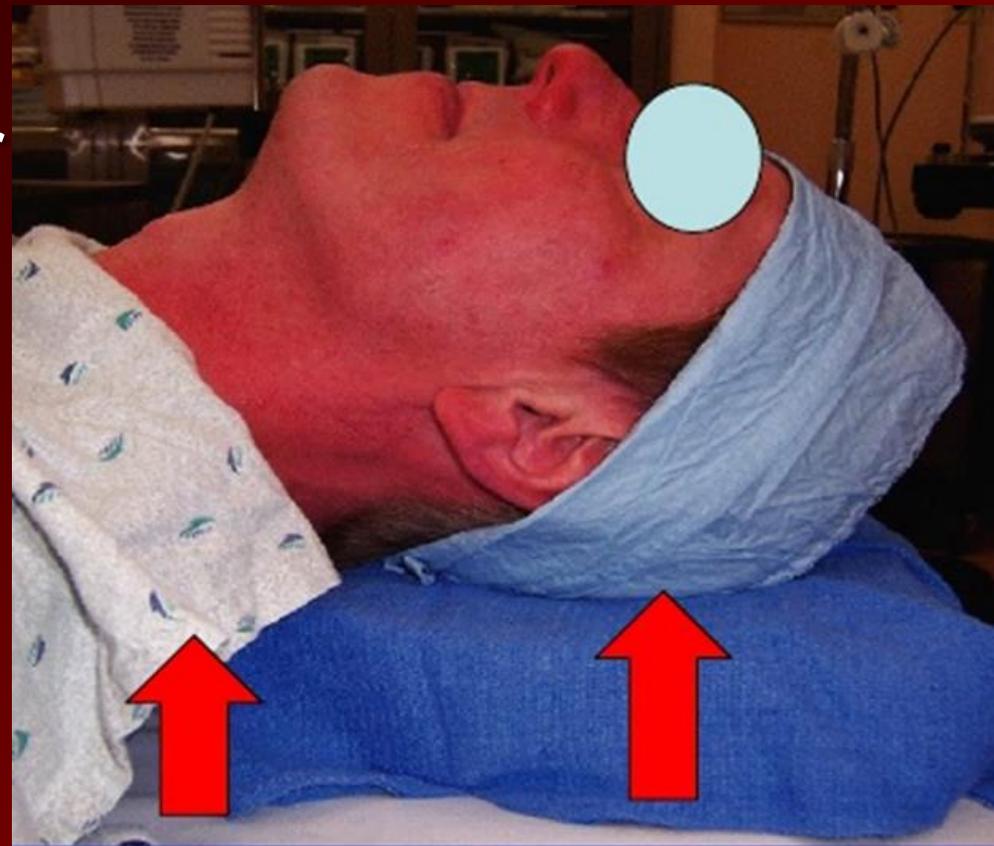
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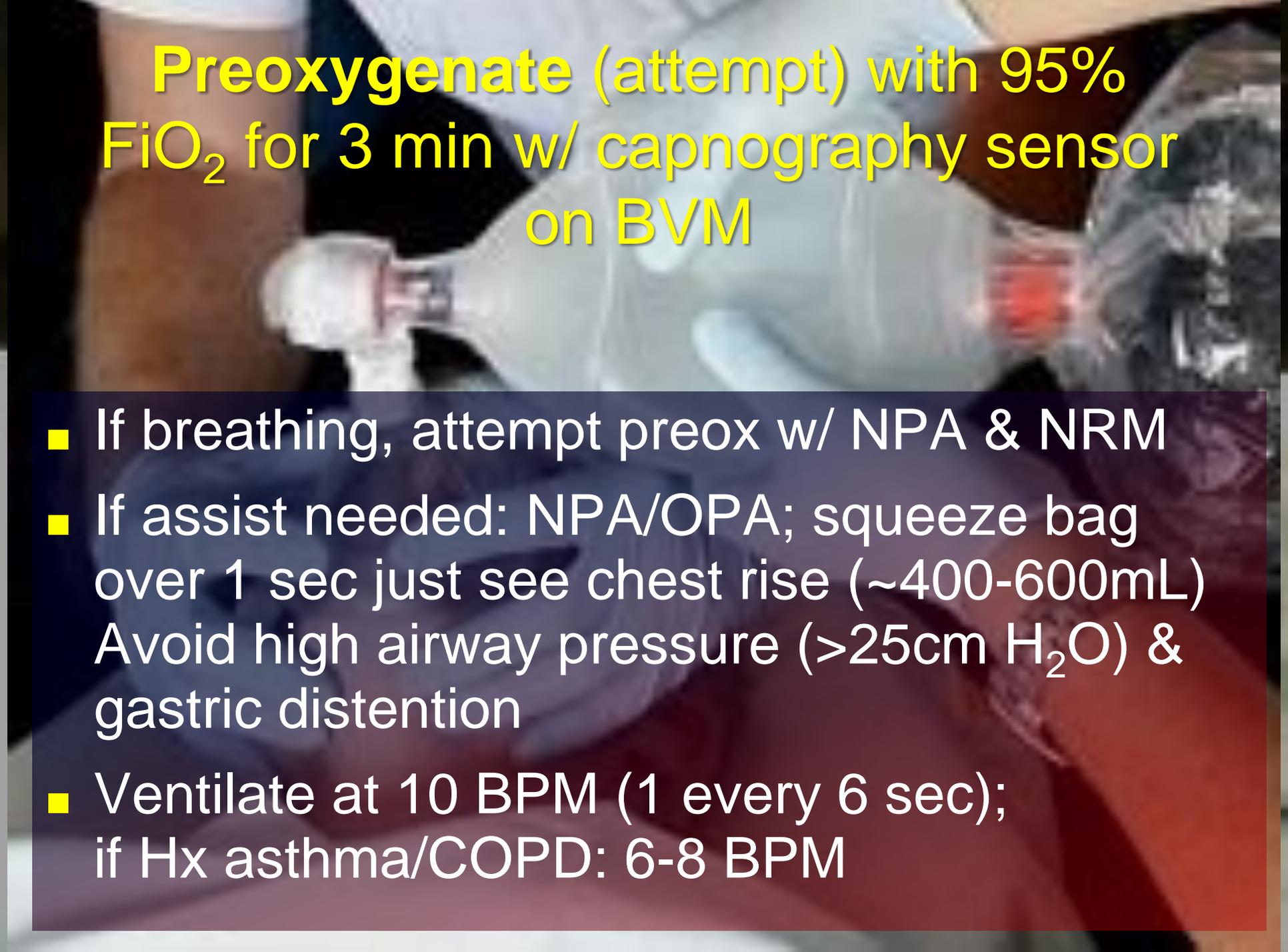


Prepare patient

Sniffing position unless head/neck movement inadvisable or contraindicated

Remove dentures or removable plates before inserting





**Preoxygenate (attempt) with 95%
FiO₂ for 3 min w/ capnography sensor
on BVM**

- If breathing, attempt preox w/ NPA & NRM
- If assist needed: NPA/OPA; squeeze bag over 1 sec just see chest rise (~400-600mL)
Avoid high airway pressure (>25cm H₂O) & gastric distention
- Ventilate at 10 BPM (1 every 6 sec);
if Hx asthma/COPD: 6-8 BPM

Prep equipment

Everything ready before procedure

Prepare suction equipment (connect DuCanto catheter);
turn on to ✓ unit;
suction prn

Ensure that laryngeal structures are as **dry as possible** prior to i-gel insertion



Size
selection
Adult

Based on
patient's
ideal
weight



iGel size 2 for Pediatric use



MWLC EMSS i-gel sizes

i-gel® supraglottic airway

- 8205000 i-gel, supraglottic airway, size 5, large adult, 90+ kg
- 8204000 i-gel, supraglottic airway, size 4, medium adult, 50-90kg
- 8203000 i-gel, supraglottic airway, size 3, small adult, 30-60kg
- 8202000 i-gel, supraglottic airway, size 2.0, small pediatric, 10-25kg

820400 - i-gel O2 Resus Pack, medium adult – includes a size 4 i-gel O2 with green hook ring, sachet of lubricant, airway support strap

65-130 lbs
30-60kg

110-200 lbs
50-90kg

200+ lbs
90+kg

3

4

5



i-gel size	Patient Size	Pt wt (kg)	(LBS)	Broselow color	NG or Suction
1.5	Infant	5-12 kg	11-25	Pink, red, purple	10 Fr.
2	Small child	10-25 kg	22-55	Yellow, white, blue	10 Fr.
2.5	Large child	25-35 kg	55-77	Orange	10 Fr.
3	Small adult	30-60 kg	65-130	Green (2.5-3)	12 Fr.
4	Medium adult	50-90 kg	110-200		12 Fr.
5	Large adult	90+ kg	200+		14 Fr.

i-gelTM O₂
Resus Pack
90+kg 5

EN Supraglottic airway resuscitation pack
 Kit réanimation voie aérienne supraglottique
 IT Reanimazione in pacchetto per supraglottico Airway
 DE Kit control de via aérea con cánula supraglótica
 ES Kit Via Aérea. Supraglótico Para Reanimación
 PL Kit do reanimacji z dyspozycją nadgłośniową
 i-gel O₂ resus pack, supraglottisch lufthwegmanagement device
 HU Lungerehabilitációs csomag a supraglottikus léghelyi
 SV Supraglottitals kaviteerna återupplivningskit
 CS Supraglottický dýchací přístroj
 FI Supraglottisk luftevej, Resus pack
 PT Pacote de reanimação supraglótica
 PL Pakiet do nagłośniowego udrzalniania dróg oddechowych
 RU Надгортанный воздуховод с дополнительным вспомогательным портом
 CS Supraglottická sada pro resuscitaci dýchacími cestami
 HU Szupraglottikus légút újjáélesztő csomag
 SI Supraglotični pripomoček za vzdiževanje proste dihalne poti
 LV Supraglotiālais reanimācijas komplekts
 PL Supraglotyczny zestaw do reanimacji
 RU Супраглотичен въздуховод комплект за реанимация
 на дихателни пътища
 SI Reanimacijski paket za supraglotični dišalni put
 RO Set de resuscitare supraglotic pentru cilele respiratorii
 SK Sprava pre supraglotičnú resuscitáciu vzdušnými cestami
 IT Reanimacijski paket za supraglotični dišni put
 i-gel O₂ レサスパック
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Inspect device

- ✓ airway patency: Confirm no FB or lubricant obstructing distal opening or gastric channel
- Inspect inside bowl, ensuring surfaces are smooth and intact & patent gastric channel
- Discard if device abnormal or deformed
- Ensure 15mm connector is secure



Tube prep adult size

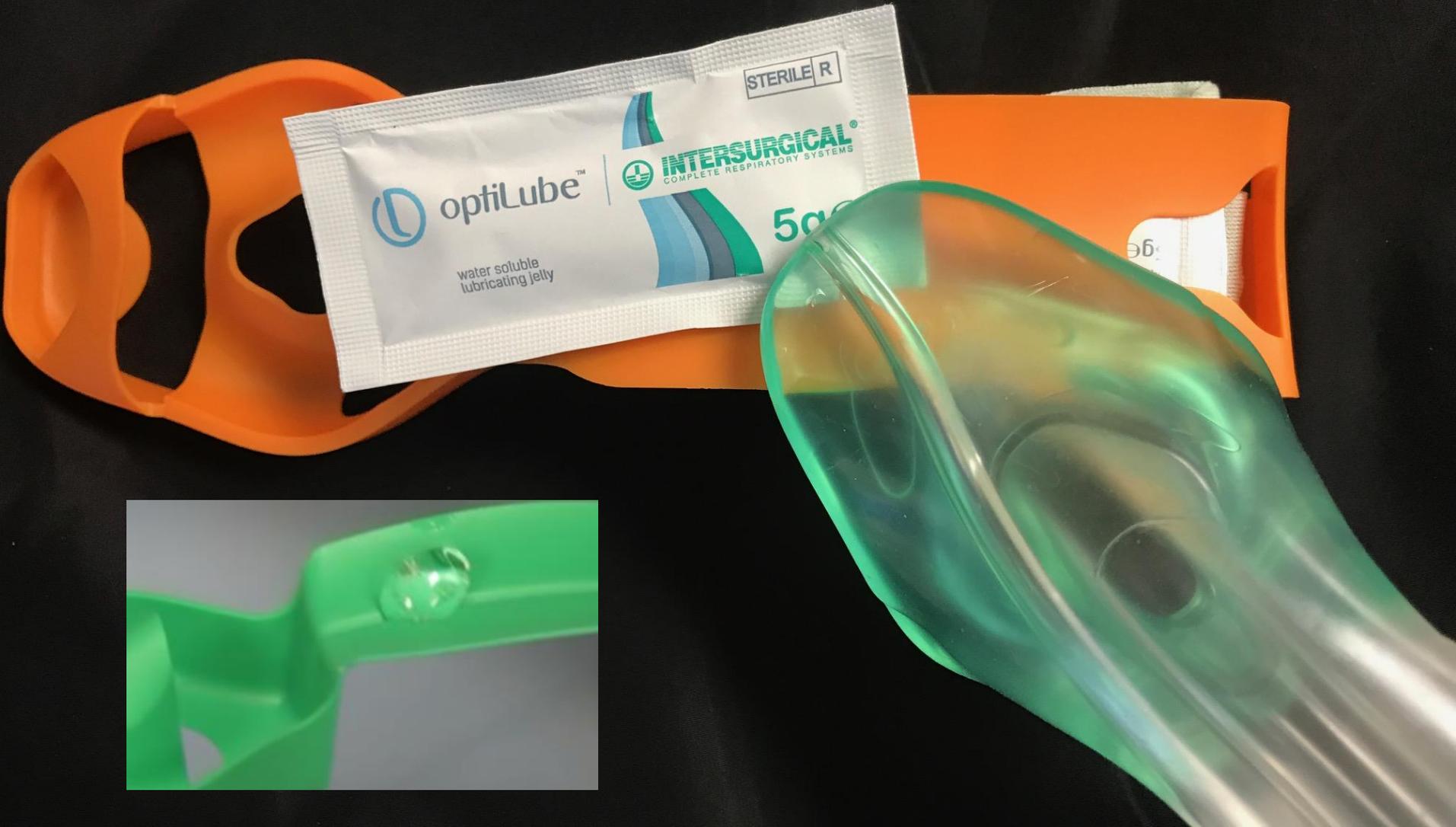




Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8



Figure 9



Figure 10



Figure 11



Figure 12

Notes

- Do not place device directly onto pt's chest or surface near patient's head; always place in protective cradle/cage pack after lubrication, pending insertion
- Do not use unsterile gauze or your finger to help lubricate device
- Do not apply lubricant too long before insertion (need to maintain moisture)



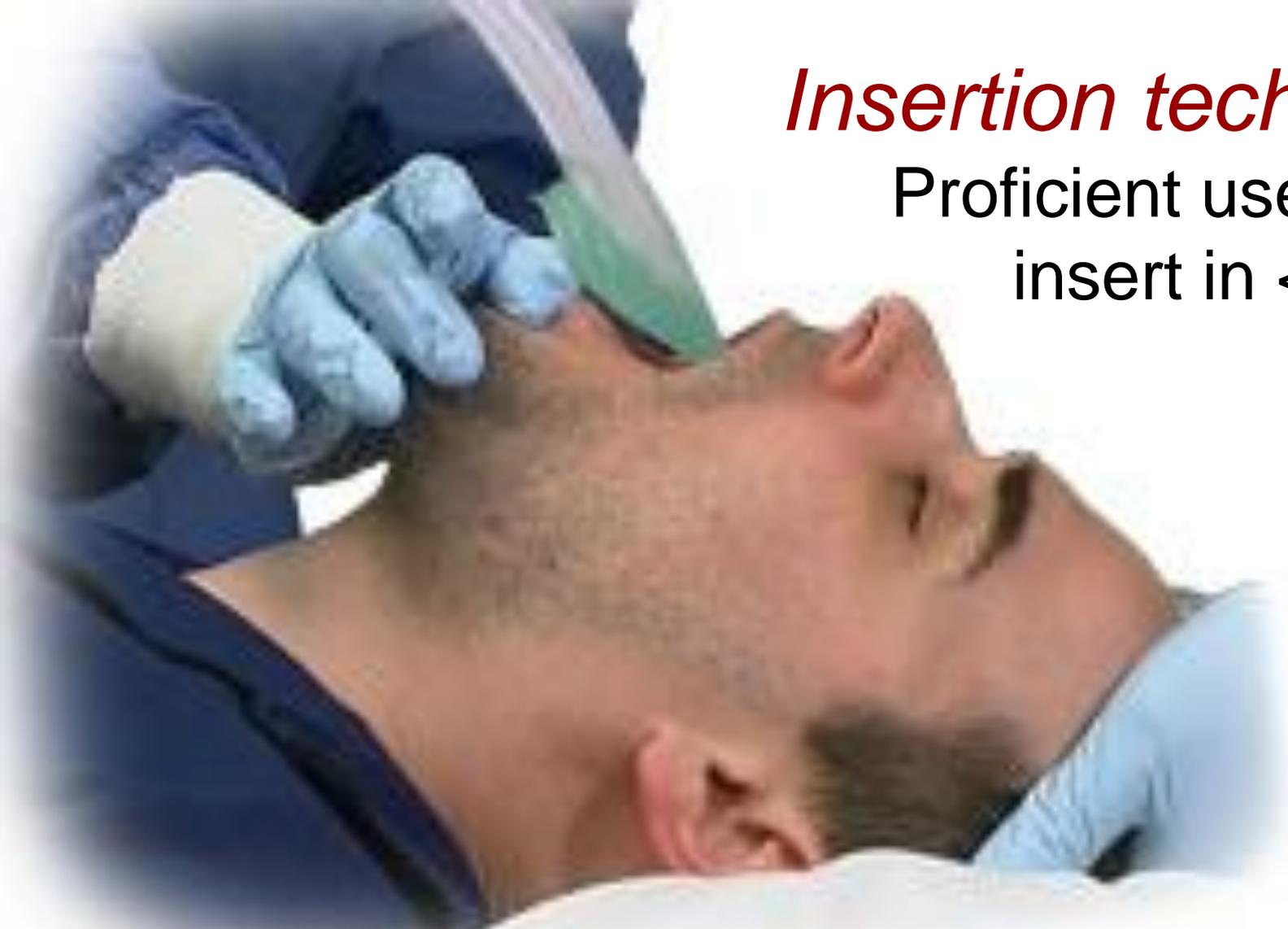
Important

Medications

Often unnecessary; most EMS pts needing i-gel are unresponsive with no gag reflex: no blink reflex or response to glabellar tap; easy up and down movement of lower jaw, no reaction to pressure applied to both angles of mandible

See SOP,
procedure
manual for doses





Insertion technique

Proficient users can
insert in < 5 sec

See procedure manual, photo steps
from manufacturer and video for full explanation

Benefits



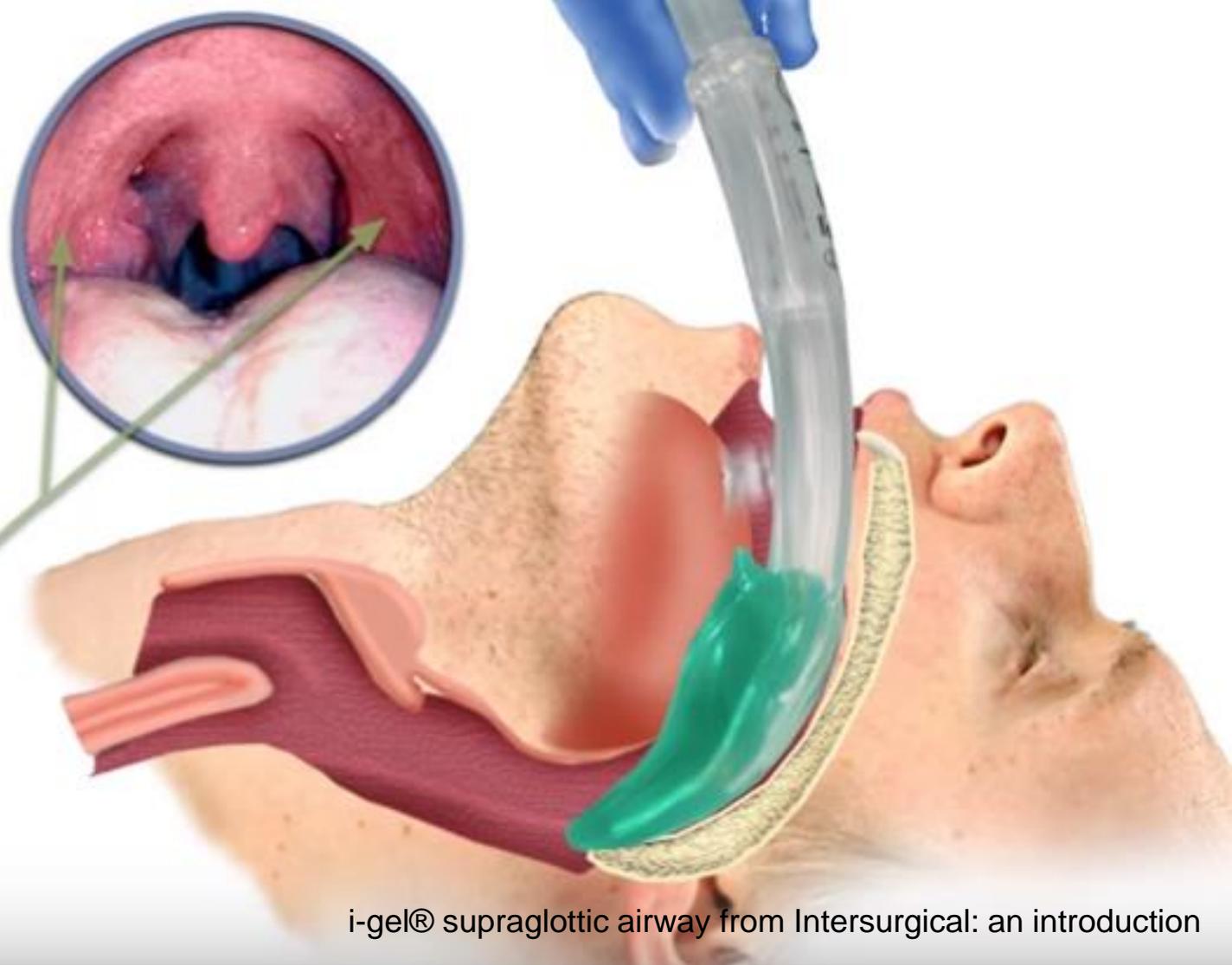
It is not necessary to insert fingers or thumbs into the patient's mouth during the process of insertion.

Position device so cuff outlet is facing pt's chin
Introduce leading soft tip into pt's mouth in a
direction towards hard palate.

Glide device downwards and backwards along
hard palate with gentle push until definitive
resistance felt

Do not apply excessive force during insertion

Faucial
pillars

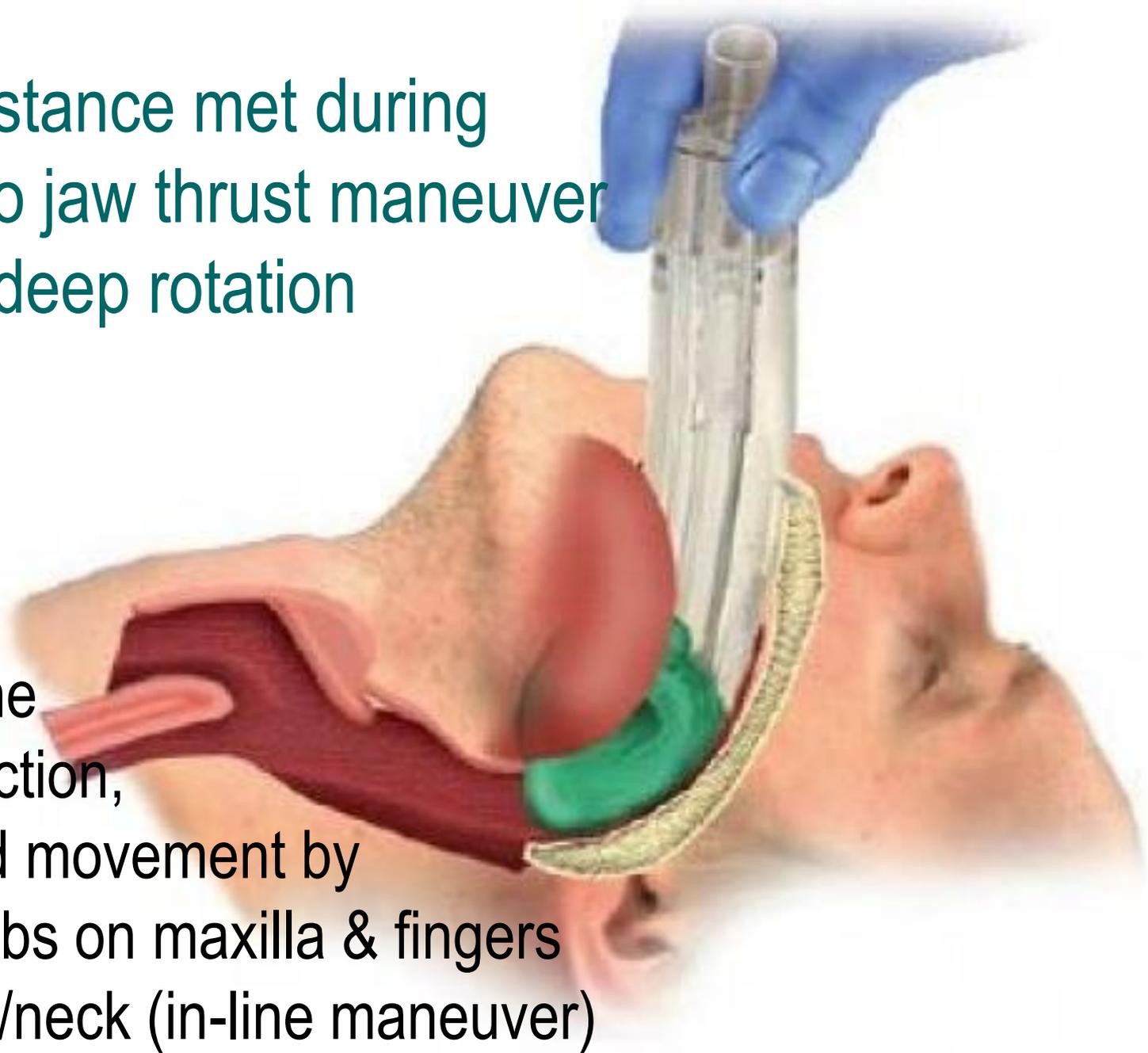


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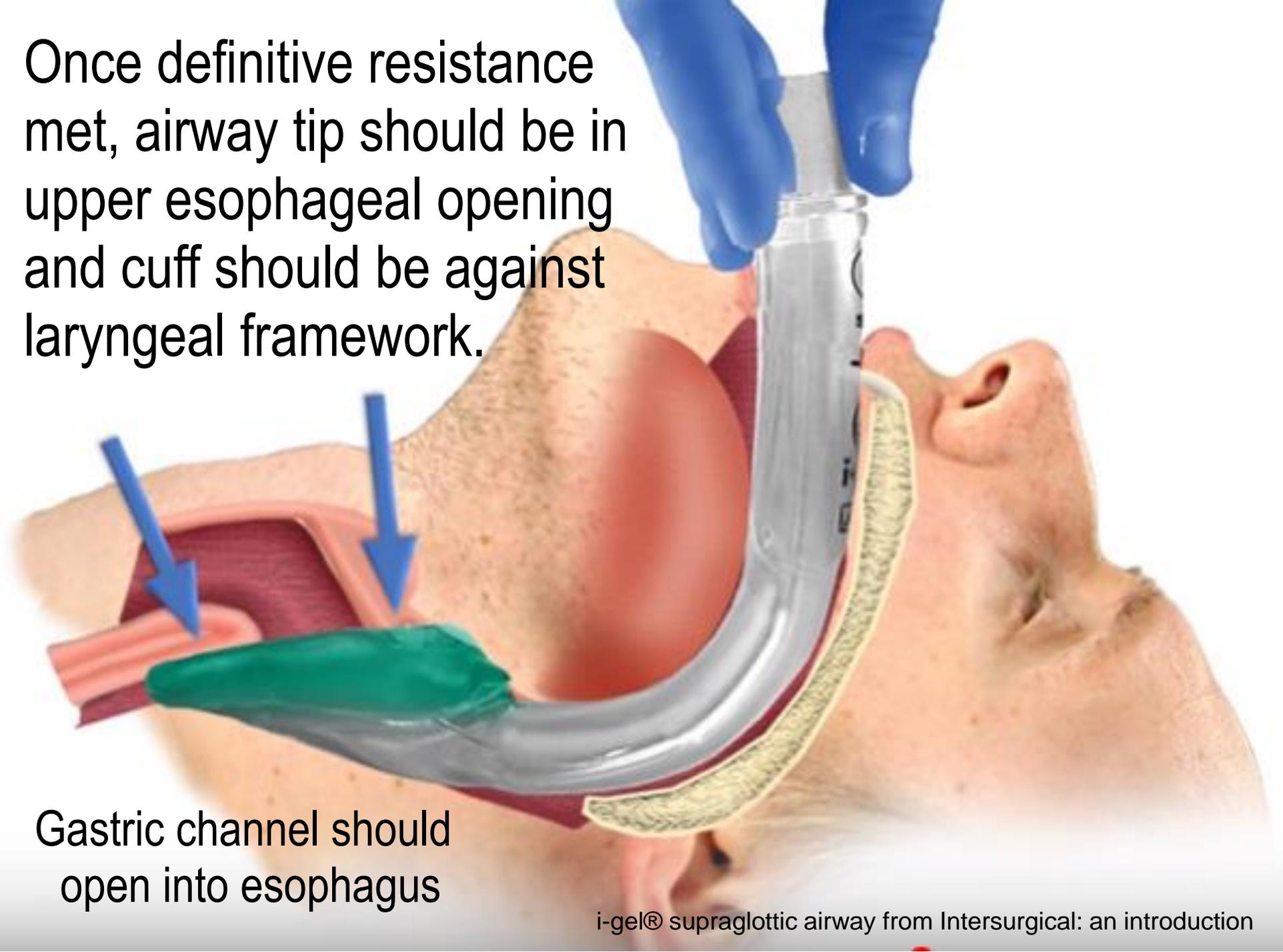
‘Give-way’ may be felt before end point met due to passage of i-gel bowl through faucial pillars
Continue until definitive resistance felt

If early resistance met during insertion, do jaw thrust maneuver or perform deep rotation

For pt in spine motion restriction, prevent head movement by placing thumbs on maxilla & fingers around head/neck (in-line maneuver)



Once definitive resistance met, airway tip should be in upper esophageal opening and cuff should be against laryngeal framework.



Gastric channel should open into esophagus

Insertion depth

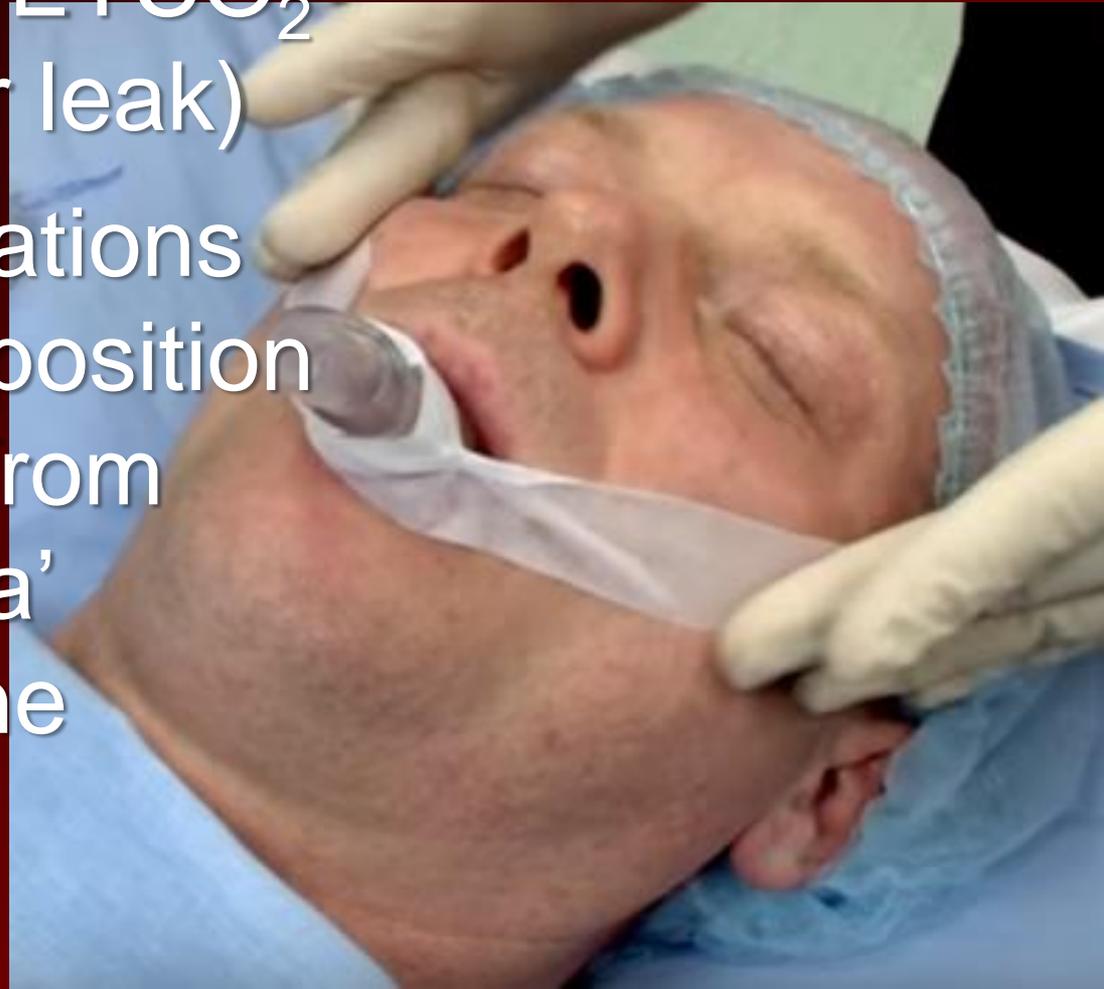


Once placed correctly, incisors should rest on horizontal line on bite block (adult sizes only)

Confirm placement; secure tube

Confirm placement with 5 point chest auscultation and ETCO_2 (+ little gastric air leak)

When good ventilations and appropriate position confirmed, tape from 'maxilla to maxilla' (keep tube midline in mouth) OR...



Secure tube

Secure with head strap in Resus pack



Attach standard O₂ tubing to oxygen port for passive oxygenation



An NG or suction catheter may be inserted into gastric channel

The maximum size of **suction catheter** that can be inserted down the i-gel is:

i-gel size



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4

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Suction catheter

French gauge / U.S gauge

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10

12

12

12

12

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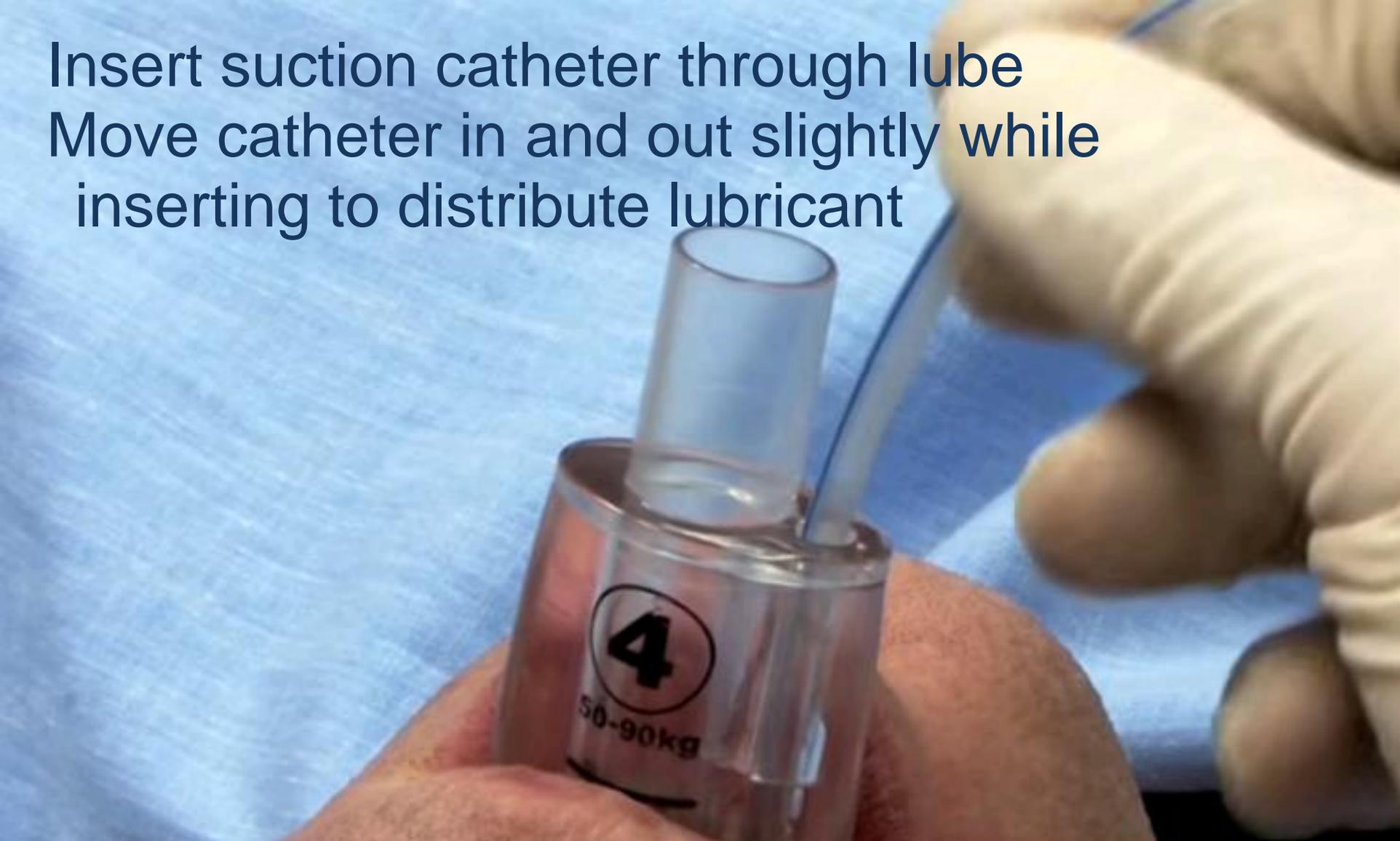
See chart last page of procedure



How to use the gastric channel

Lubricate prior to tube insertion

Insert suction catheter through lube
Move catheter in and out slightly while
inserting to distribute lubricant



**Suction optimizes cuff seal & reduces
chance of aspiration**

Do not insert catheter through gastric channel if there is:



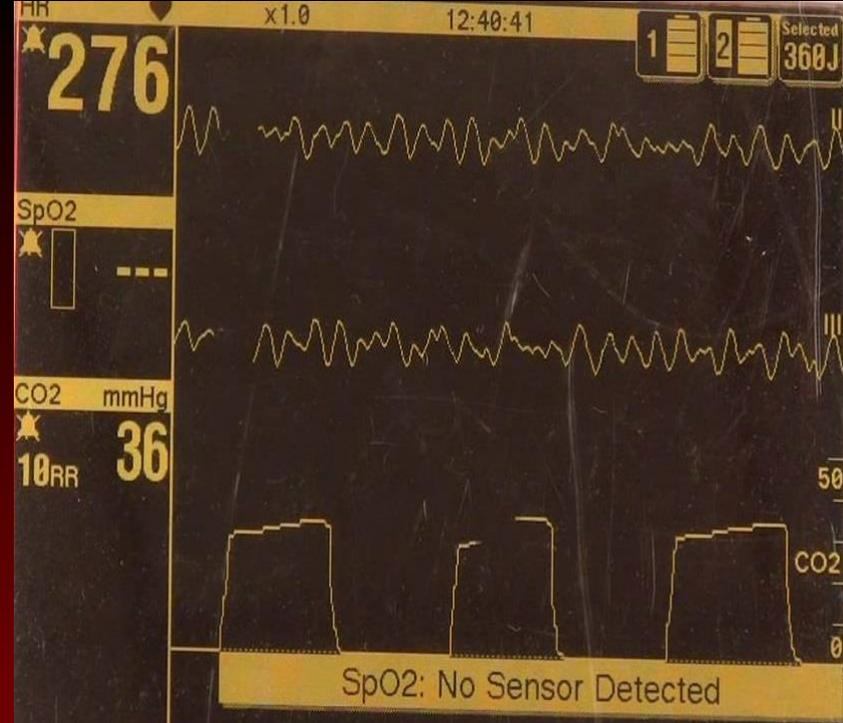
- An excessive air leak through gastric channel
- Esophageal varices or evidence of upper GI bleed
- Esophageal trauma
- Hx of upper GI surgery
- Hx of bleeding/clotting abnormalities

NG/suction catheter insertion with inadequate levels of sedation can lead to coughing, bucking, excessive salivation, retching, laryngospasm or breath holding

Reassess

Frequently to detect displacement and complications (especially after movement or status/condition changes)

- ETCO_2
- Lung sounds
- SpO_2 (not in cardiac arrest)
- HR
- BP



Troubleshooting



If excessive air leak during PPV, use one or all of the following:

- Hand ventilate; gentle and slow
- Limit tidal volume to no more than 5mL/kg
- Limit peak airway pressure to 15-20cm H₂O
- Assess depth of sedation; ensure pt is not bucking the tube

If all fail, change to one size larger i-gel

Risks and Complications of inserting an i-gel

- Laryngospasm, sore throat
- Cyanosis
- Tongue numbness
- Trauma to the pharyngo-laryngeal framework
- Down-folding of epiglottis (more common in children)
- Gastric distention, regurgitation, aspiration
- Nerve injuries, vocal cord paralysis, lingual or hypoglossal nerve injuries



Risks and Complications cont.

- If placed too high in pharynx, may result in a poor seal and cause excessive leakage
- If i-gel tip enters glottic opening, will have excessive air leak through gastric channel and obstruction to airflow

If NG or suction catheter inserted now, will enter trachea and lungs

If suspected, remove & reinsert i-gel with gentle jaw thrust

Who can insert?

Paramedics, EMT's & PHRNs after education and competency measurement by Agency Peer II or above educator using system skill sheet

iGel Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ao-Sb_OuIE8

QUESTIONS ?