



Nasopharyngeal Airway

EMT-Basic

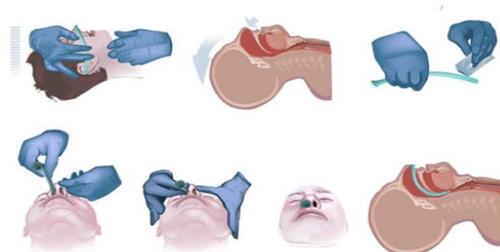
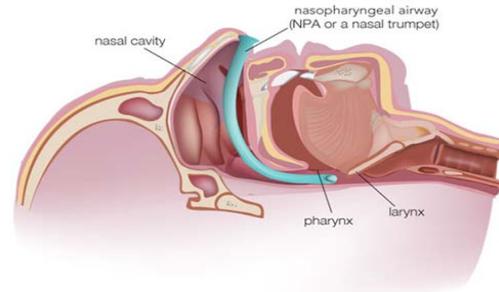
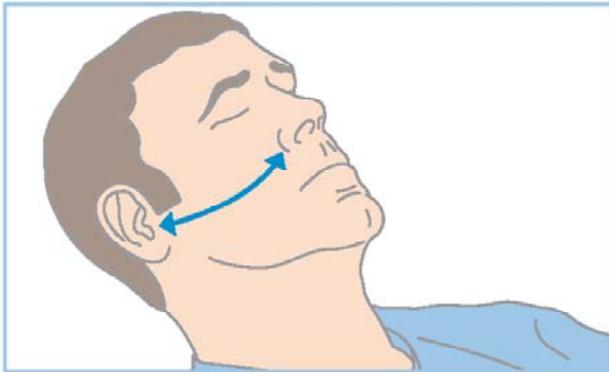
Advanced EMT

Paramedic

PROCEDURE

- Place head in a neutral position
- Identify the correct size NPA by measuring from the patient's nostril to the tip of the ear lobe
- Lubricate the exterior of the airway with water soluble lubricant
- Advance the device with the bevel facing the septum, along the natural curvature of the flange until it rests along the nostril
- Insert bilateral NPAs to optimize ventilation

REFERENCE GRAPHICS



KEY POINTS

- Better tolerated than rigid oral airway
- Less likely to stimulate gag reflex
- Can be inserted without having to open mouth
- Does NOT prevent aspiration