

Insertion of Nasopharyngeal Airway (NPA)

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

√	Performance Step(s)	Comment(s)
	Take BSI precautions.	
	Place patient preferably in a supine position.	
	Assess the level of responsiveness.	
	Select proper size nasal airway.	
	Apply a water-soluble lubricant to the NPA before inserting.	
	Gently pushing the tip of the nose upward, insert the airway with the bevel pointing towards the base of the nostril or toward the septum.	
	Slowly insert the airway into the nostril. By slightly rotating the airway from side to side you may make insertion easier.	<i>At NO time should the airway be forced into the nostril. If you meet resistance consider re-lubrication of the airway and insertion in the other nostril. If the patient begins to gag at any stage of this procedure, immediately stop the advancement, and remove the airway.</i>
	Stop advancing the airway when the proximal ring has come in contact with the end of the nostril.	
	Assess the patient's breathing. Apply supplemental oxygen or begin ventilations as necessary.	
	Document insertion of nasal airway.	