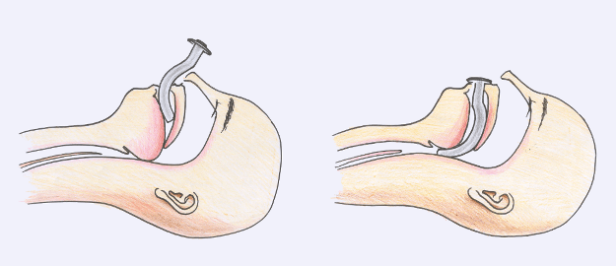





# Basic Airway Adjunct Placement

BLS PROCEDURE BP-01

<b>INDICATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unresponsive patients requiring ventilatory management should receive a basic airway adjunct. Basic airway adjunct devices should be used in conjunction with Bag Valve Mask and supplemental oxygen.</li> </ul>	
<b>CONTRAINDICATIONS</b>	<b>OROPHARYNGEAL (OPA)</b>	<b>NASOPHARYNGEAL (NPA)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsive patients with a gag reflex</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsive patients with a gag reflex</li> <li>Suspected fracture to the base of the skull or mid-face</li> </ul>
<b>PROCEDURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform a head-tilt, chin lift, or jaw-thrust maneuver to open airway.</li> <li>Select appropriately sized OPA by measuring from the level of the teeth to the angle of the jaw.</li> <li>Open the patients mouth</li> <li>Insert the OPA upside down. When it touches the roof of the back of the mouth, rotate the OPA 180 degrees while continuing to advance into the airway until the flange is resting on the patient's front teeth.</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform a head-tilt, chin lift, or jaw-thrust maneuver to open airway.</li> <li>Select appropriately sized NPA by measuring from the tip of the nose to the ear lobe</li> <li>Apply sterile water-soluble lubricant to the distal tip of the NPA</li> <li>Insert NPA with the beveled edge facing the septum.</li> <li>If mild resistance is met, gently rotate the NPA from side to side.</li> <li>If you continue to meet resistance, gently remove NPA and attempt placement in the other nostril.</li> </ul> 
<b>KEY CONCEPTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic airway adjuncts are designed to secure the airway once it has been opened by either a head-tilt, chin lift, or jaw-thrust maneuver.</li> <li>Remove OPA immediately if patient becomes responsive or begins to gag.</li> </ul>	