

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE VENTILATORY MANAGEMENT APNEIC PATIENT USING BAG-VALVE-MASK AND BLINDLY INSERTED AIRWAY DEVICE (BIAD)

This station is designed to test your ability to provide immediate and aggressive ventilatory assistance to an apneic patient by using a bag-valve-mask progressing to the use of a Blind Insertion Airway Device. As you enter the station you will find an apneic patient with a palpable pulse. There are no by-standers and artificial ventilation has not been initiated. The only patient management required is airway management and ventilatory support. You must initially ventilate the patient for a minimum of 30 seconds. You will be evaluated on the appropriateness of ventilatory volumes and adequate rise of the chest.

You are required to demonstrate sequentially all procedures you would perform, from simple maneuvers and adjuncts to placement of the Blind Insertion Airway Device (BIAD).

You will have three (3) attempts to successfully place, your choice, of The Combitube® or The King LT-D®. You must actually ventilate the manikin for at least thirty (30) seconds with each adjunct and procedure utilized.

A trained assistant will be interacting with you throughout these skills. The assistant will correctly carry out your orders upon your directions as you control the airway and the mask seal while the assistant provides ventilation, in addition to providing ventilations upon your commands while you assess and confirm placement of the (BIAD).

At this time, please take two (2) minutes to check your equipment and prepare whatever you feel is necessary.

You have ten (10) minutes to complete this skills station. Do you have any questions?

