



MEMORANDUM

TO: KY Licensed Ambulance Services
FROM: Julia Martin, MD
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RE: Use of the King Airway in Pediatric Patients

The current Kentucky Patient Care Protocols covers the use of the King LT-D airway device on page 228. Listed as an indication for use is a requirement for the patient to be at least 4 feet tall. A patient under 4 feet tall is also listed as a contraindication.

This specific guidance was based on the available equipment sizing and manufacturer's instructions for use at the time the protocol was written. Since that time, the manufacturer has developed new, extended sizes appropriate for many pediatric patients.

The new sizes includes the following:

Size 2.0	Patient Height 35-45 inches or	Patient Weight 12-25 kg
Size 2.5	Patient Height 41-51 inches or	Patient Weight 25-35 kg

*Additional sizes anticipated in late 2014.

The requirement for the patient to be ≥ 4 feet tall is therefore negated and emergency medical personnel should refer to the manufacturer's recommendation for use of the device and patient selection along with sound clinical judgment and online/offline Medical Direction.

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