



CHARLOTTESVILLE-ALBEMARLE RESCUE SQUAD

Clinical Review and Training

Advanced Airway Maneuvers Release Policy

Purpose: To define the procedure for documentation of and release to perform airway maneuvers for providers seeking release at a higher level of care.

I. QA/QI

- A. All providers must do monthly manikin training up to their release level.
 - a. If you are trained on the King Airway as an EMT-B you must practice it monthly to maintain the skill.
 - b. The form can be found at <http://carsrescue.org/forms/>
 - i. If you have performed endotracheal intubation in the last 30 days with CARS or another EMS agency, then you do not need to do manikin practice, but you still need to complete the form. There is an option to indicate that you have intubated a patient at the bottom.
 - ii. If you run with another agency, as long as you undergo equivalent monthly training, then just complete the form when you do that, it does not need to be done at CARS.
- B. Providers will complete the CARS Airway Management Documentation Form for each advanced airway maneuver performed. As well as properly documenting the intubation on their PCR on FieldBridge (ETCO2, number of attempts, etc).
- C. The Airway Form will be submitted to the Clinical Review and Training Committee (CRAT) for ALL attempts at an advanced airway maneuver.
- D. CRAT will log and file these forms, tracking number of successful intubations and overall intubation success rates.
- E. Failure to achieve successful intubation on a majority of attempts may result in the suspension of intubation privileges or remediation as decided by CRAT.

II. Release at a Higher Level of Care

- A. Intubations performed on a manikin will not be considered.
- B. Request for airway management release submitted without Airway Form will not be considered.
- C. Specific skill requirements may be waived by majority vote of CRAT and approval of the Operational Medical Director.
- D. EMT-I/EMT-P intubation privileges
 1. Providers must have a precepted patient intubation with accompanied airway form prior to being released with intubation privileges.

III. Suspension of privileges

- A. CRAT or the OMD may suspend or limit advanced airway practice by a provider based on performance, frequency, failure to regularly practice skills, or other criteria as decided by the committee and approved by the OMD.