



# Jackson Hole Fire/EMS Operations Manual

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Airway Management**

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## AIRWAY MANAGEMENT (Treatment Protocol)

### ALL PROVIDERS

- Determine level of responsiveness (AVPU)
- Open the airway
  - Use jaw-thrust maneuver if cervical injury is suspected or unknown
  - Place appropriate airway adjunct depending on the level of responsiveness
    - OP airway in unresponsive patients without gag-reflex
    - NP airway in patients who respond to painful stimuli only
  - Suction airway as necessary
  - Clear any obstructions using appropriate current AHA guidelines for obstructed airway
- Check breathing
  - Assist ventilations if respiratory rate is < 8 or > 30
  - If breathing is absent, ventilate patient using appropriate current AHA guidelines for rescue breathing
- Check pulse
  - If absent, begin CPR and follow Pulseless Arrest protocol

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- Transtracheal Ventilation (Quick Trach or Needle cricothyrotomy as appropriate).  
Follow appropriate Percutaneous Transtracheal Ventilation protocol.
- Consider placement an OG/NG tube in patients with ET tube in place for gastric decompression.

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