

NASOPHARYNGEAL AIRWAY

Can be used on intoxicated individuals in a semi-conscious state or obtunded patients with an intact gag reflex.

Pre-oxygenate patient if possible

Measure airway from tip of the nose to the earlobe

Lube the airway adjunct with water soluble lubricant

Insert adjunct with bevel toward septum, angling towards the base floor of the nasopharynx

- **Note** – Most nasopharyngeal airways are designed to go in the right nare. If inserting into the left nare, the bevel must face the septum and the airway must be rotated 180 degrees after it has been inserted approximately half its length before completely inserting it.

Reassess the airway by auscultating for lung sounds

