

**Summary Report for Individual Task
081-833-0169
Insert a Combitube
Status: Approved**

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DESTRUCTION NOTICE: None

Condition: An unconscious casualty requires the insertion of an esophageal tracheal Combitube. An assistant is performing resuscitative measures. No cervical spine injury is present. You will need a Combitube, 140 cc syringe, 10 cc syringe, gloves, eye protection, suction equipment, stethoscope, pulse oximeter, and bag-valve-mask (BVM). You are not in a CBRN environment.

Standard: Insert the Combitube and successfully ventilate the casualty without causing further injury.

Special Condition: None

Special Standards: None

Special Equipment:

Safety Level: Low

MOPP:

Task Statements

Cue: None

DANGER

None

WARNING

None

CAUTION

None

Remarks: None

Notes: None

Performance Steps

1. Take body substance isolation (BSI) precautions.
2. Inspect upper airway for visible obstruction.
3. Inspect and test equipment.
4. Lubricate distal end of tube with a water-soluble lubricant.
5. Direct assistant to pre oxygenate casualty.
6. Perform a tongue-jaw lift.
7. Insert device until casualty's teeth sit between printed black rings, within 3 attempts.
8. Inflate #1 (blue) cuff with appropriate amount of air based on size of tube.
9. Inflate #2 (white) cuff with appropriate amount of air based on size of tube.
10. Direct assistant to ventilate casualty with a BVM through primary tube (generally marked #1).
11. Perform steps 6-10 in less than 30 seconds.
12. Watch for rise and fall of the chest, auscultate for breath sounds and over the epigastrium to confirm tube placement.
Note: If breath sounds are negative and gastric insufflations is positive, direct assistant to ventilate with the shortened tube (generally marked #2), the auscultate breath sounds and gastric sounds to affirm placement.
13. Assess casualty for spontaneous respirations. (For 10 seconds.)
14. Attach pulse oximeter to casualty, if available.
15. Assist when respirations are <8 or >30 or a pulse oximeter reading <90%.
16. Secure device to the casualty around casualty's neck.

(Asterisks indicates a leader performance step.)

Evaluation Preparation: Setup: For training and evaluation, use a simulation device capable of receiving Combitube placement.

Brief Soldier: Tell the Soldier that a casualty requires the insertion of a Combitube.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	GO	NO-GO	N/A
1. Took BSI precautions.			
2. Inspected upper airway for visible obstruction.			
3. Inspected and tested equipment.			
4. Lubricated distal end of the tube.			
5. Performed a tongue-jaw lift.			
6. Directed assistant to pre-oxygenate the casualty.			
7. Inserted device until casualty's teeth were between printed black rings, within 3 attempts.			
8. Inflated #1 (blue) cuff with appropriate amount of air based on size of tube.			
9. Inflated #2 (white) cuff with appropriate amount of air based on size of tube.			
10. Directed assistant to ventilate casualty with a BVM through primary tube.			
11. Performed steps 6-10 in less than 30 seconds.			
12. Watched for rise and fall of the chest, auscultated for breath sounds and over the epigastrium to confirm tube placement.			
13. Assessed casualty for spontaneous respirations. (For 10 seconds.)			
14. Attached pulse oximeter to casualty, if available.			
15. Assisted when respirations were <8 or >30 or a pulse oximeter reading <90%.			
16. Secured device to the casualty around casualty's neck.			

Supporting Reference(s):

Step Number	Reference ID	Reference Name	Required	Primary
	0-323-06503-0	PHTLS Prehospital Trauma Life Support, Military 7th edition	No	No

Environment: Environmental protection is not just the law but the right thing to do. It is a continual process and starts with deliberate planning. Always be alert to ways to protect our environment during training and missions. In doing so, you will contribute to the sustainment of our training resources while protecting people and the environment from harmful effects. Refer to FM 3-34.5 Environmental Considerations and GTA 05-08-002 ENVIRONMENTAL-RELATED RISK ASSESSMENT.

Safety: In a training environment, leaders must perform a risk assessment in accordance with FM 5-19, Composite Risk Management. Leaders will complete a DA Form 7566 COMPOSITE RISK MANAGEMENT WORKSHEET during the planning and completion of each task and sub-task by assessing mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available-time available and civil considerations, (METT-TC). Note: During MOPP training, leaders must ensure personnel are monitored for potential heat injury. Local policies and procedures must be followed during times of increased heat category in order to avoid heat related injury. Consider the MOPP work/rest cycles and water replacement guidelines IAW FM 3-11.4, NBC Protection, FM 3-11.5, CBRN Decontamination.

Prerequisite Individual Tasks : None

Supporting Individual Tasks : None

Supported Individual Tasks : None

Supported Collective Tasks :

Task Number	Title	Proponent	Status
N/A	N/A	Not Selected	Obsolete