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Advanced Airway Management

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Purpose:

To advance the care of our patients and assure the safety of our providers.

Background:

The viral load in the throat of covid19 patients is known to be high. Airway studies have shown supraglottic airways to match or increase survival rate vs endotracheal intubation.

New procedure:

In conjunction with existing BLS and ALS protocols regarding airway management, the use of alternative airways (supraglottic) should be prioritized over endotracheal intubation.

As a reminder, ACLS guidelines only call for advance airway placement if BLS airway management is ineffective.

IMPORTANT: PPE should be utilized when performing patient care to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patient. PPE includes N95 or greater respirator, face shield, gown and gloves.