

SUBJECT: TREATMENT PROTOCOL --
AIRWAY OBSTRUCTION (Foreign Body)

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<p>For a conscious patient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reassure, encourage coughing• O₂ prn <p>For inadequate air exchange: airway maneuvers (AHA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abdominal thrusts• Use chest thrusts in the obese or pregnant patient <p><u>If patient becomes unconscious or is found unconscious</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Begin CPR <p><u>Once obstruction is removed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• High flow O₂, ventilate prn• O₂ Saturation prn	<p><u>If patient becomes unconscious or has a decreasing LOC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct laryngoscopy and Magill forceps <u>SO</u>. MR prn• Capnography <u>SO</u> prn <p><u>Once obstruction is removed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor/EKG• IV/IO <u>SO</u> adjust prn
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Note: If unable to secure airway, transport STAT.

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