## Treatment Protocol S-121: Airway Obstruction

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| **For conscious patient**  
• Reassure, encourage coughing  
• O₂ PRN | **If patient becomes unconscious or has decreasing LOC**  
• Direct laryngoscopy and Magill forceps SO, MR PRN  
• Capnography SO PRN |
| **For inadequate air exchange**  
 Airway maneuvers (AHA)  
• Abdominal thrusts  
• Use chest thrusts in obese or pregnant patients | **Once obstruction is removed**  
• Monitor/EKG  
• IV/IO SO |
| **If patient becomes unconscious or is found unconscious**  
• Begin CPR |  |
| **Once obstruction is removed**  
• Ventilate with high-flow O₂ PRN  
• O₂ saturation |  |
| **Treat per Respiratory Distress Protocol (S-136)** |  |

**Note:** If unable to ventilate effectively, transport immediately while continuing CPR (unconscious patient)