# Pediatric Treatment Protocol - Airway Obstruction

**BLS**

- **For a conscious patient:**
  - Reassure, encourage coughing
  - O₂ prn

- **For inadequate air exchange:** airway maneuvers (AHA):
  - Abdominal thrusts
  - Use chest thrusts in the obese or pregnant patient

**NOTE:**
- 5 Back Blows and Chest thrusts for infants <1 year. MR prn

- **If patient becomes unconscious OR is found unconscious:**
  - Begin CPR

- **Once obstruction is removed:**
  - O₂ Saturation prn
  - High flow O₂, ventilate prn

**NOTE:** If suspected epiglottitis:
- Place patient in sitting position
- Do not visualize the oropharynx

- STAT transport
- Treat as per Respiratory Distress Protocol S-167.

**ALS**

- **If patient becomes unconscious or has a decreasing LOC:**
  - Direct laryngoscopy and Magill forceps SO. MR prn

- **Once obstruction is removed:**
  - Monitor EKG
  - IV/IO SO adjust prn

**Note:** If unable to secure airway transport STAT while continuing CPR (unconscious patient).