



EMS System for Metropolitan Oklahoma City and Tulsa 2026 Medical Control Board Treatment Protocols

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PROTOCOL 17E: Advanced Airway Management: Pediatric Oral Intubation

EMT-INTERMEDIATE 85

ADVANCED EMT

PARAMEDIC

Orotracheal intubation authorized for pediatric patients utilizing same protocols for adult patients.

Technique Comments:

1. Avoid hyperextension of neck during intubation attempts. This positioning compromises glottic visualization.
2. Endotracheal tube size and laryngoscope blade sizes are listed in the Handtevy application. In the instance that the Handtevy application is not available endotracheal tube size can be determined using the formula $16 + \text{age in years} / 4$ or using a tube roughly the diameter of the patient's little finger, (5th digit).
3. The Flex-Guide is **NOT** compatible with pediatric endotracheal tubes.
4. Video laryngoscopy technique is in protocol 2F-Oral Intubation.