

Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

II-18 PEDIATRIC INTUBATION

- Basic opening airway technique:
 - Extend head to neutral, sniffing position
 - Clear out airway.
- Begin ventilations using an appropriately sized BVM
 - Establish basic airway
- Set up equipment for intubation:
 - Select proper tube:
 - Refer to Pediatric height/weight based tape, reference tool
 - Laryngoscope blade and handle:
 - Make sure they are connected properly.
 - Make sure light is working and of good intensity.
 - Insert appropriate size stylette if necessary.
 - Consider lubricant – water soluble.
 - Oxygen.
 - Suction.
 - Tape.
 - Stethoscope.
 - ETCO₂ if available
- Suction airway if needed and keep readily available.
- Hyperventilate patient prior to intubation attempt.
- Guidelines:
 - In order to facilitate an easier and less traumatic intubation:
 - A designated stylette may be used to maintain stability of the ET tube provided the following criteria are met:
 - Good visualization of the vocal cords is obtained.
 - The appropriate size pediatric stylette is used.
 - The tip of the stylette does not extend beyond the end of the ET tube.
 - Follow the remainder of the adult intubation guidelines.