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The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City is responsible to develop, approve and implement prehospital treatment and transport protocols for use within the five boroughs of the City of New York. The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City operates under the auspices of Article Thirty of the New York State Public Health Law. This document was created in conjunction with FDNY in an effort protect EMS providers and the general public.

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Effective immediately, alternative airways are approved for use in all situations where endotracheal intubation is indicated, at discretion of agency medical director.

General Operating Procedures: Advanced Airway Management

Where the term 'advanced airway management' is used in these protocols, this is meant to refer to the use of endotracheal intubation and/or alternative airways (i.e. dual-lumen esophageal / tracheal intubation, laryngotracheal tubes, and other non-visualized airways that have been approved for use by the Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City).

~~In the non-cardiac arrest situation, the use of alternative airways is not allowed.~~

In the cardiac arrest setting, no preference is given to the use of either airway type. However, if endotracheal intubation is selected as the primary method of advanced airway management, CPR must not be interrupted for an extended period of time, and a total of no more than two attempts may be made. If after two attempts endotracheal intubation is unable to be performed, an alternative airway must be placed.

NOTE: Nasal intubation is considered to be an unacceptable form of airway management within the New York City region.

Current and Updated Protocols can be accessed at the Regional EMS Council website: www.nycremsco.org.

Owners/operators of Ambulance and ALS First Response Services providing prehospital medical treatment within the five boroughs of the City of New York are responsible to provide copies of the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols to their personnel, and to ensure that Service Medical Directors and EMS personnel are informed of all changes/updates to the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols.

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