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The techniques and medications covered in this text should only be used by appropriately licensed healthcare professionals, trained and experienced in basic and advanced airway management, compliant with agency/institutional policies and state law. If this individual is not a licensed physician or nurse anesthetist, they must perform these skills under a physician's direct or indirect supervision and authority in the context of an organized airway program that includes guidelines/protocols, an active quality assurance program and continuing education. Some material in this book is dramatized and/or simplified for educational purposes and some material is controversial. Moreover this field is evolving on a daily basis. Therefore this book is not meant to establish a standard of care for medicolegal purposes. Experienced providers may find it necessary to deviate from the procedures and dosages contained herein.

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Preface

I don't need to remind any of you that we are all way too darn busy - multiple jobs, multiple responsibilities, multiple electronic inputs, multiple hobbies and multiple headaches. That's why I set out to write a book that you can read in a weekend or a couple of slow shifts or on your lunch breaks or at night before bed, WITHOUT an overdose on Red Bull. I have made no attempt to write another comprehensive text on intubation or airway management; these have already been done and done well: *Manual of Emergency Airway Management, 3rd Edition* by Walls and Murphy, *The AirwayCam Guide to Intubation* by Levitan, *SLAM: Street Level Airway Management* by Rich, *Airway Management in Emergencies* by Kovacs and Law, *Management of the Difficult and Failed Airway* by Hung and Murphy, and *Paramedic: Airway Management* by Margolis, among others. Instead, I have focused on Rapid Sequence Intubation and the new related technique of Rapid Sequence Airway. There is material here for you whether you are a seasoned airway professional or have never even seen an RSI performed, though I do presume you already possess basic airway skills.

My intended audience, like the audience at our *Airway911* courses, is intentionally very broad: paramedics, nurses, respiratory therapists, flight teams, mid-level practitioners and physicians. This book is for you if you routinely use, or have ever even considered using, powerful drugs to facilitate airway management in critically ill or injured patients with full stomachs. This includes prehospital settings such as EMS and critical care transport, and hospital settings as diverse as the Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit, Operating Room and Rapid Response Teams.

This book is best used as a supplement to the other texts listed above and in conjunction with hands-on airway training. If you are not in a formal training program that covers airway management you might consider taking one of the many excellent airway courses offered around the country. Information on our own *Airway911* courses as well as some free on-line training can be found at www.airway911.com.

All I ask from you is not to let this book sit on the shelf; the airway is just too damn important.

How to use this book

What the icons mean?



EBM: Evidence-based medicine. This indicates statements in this book that are specifically supported by papers included in the reference section for each chapter.



Caution: Highlights potential pitfalls in airway management that you should pay attention to in order to keep your patients and yourself out of trouble.



Key: the most important points as identified by the author.

What do the blue boxes mean?

The blue boxes contain advanced, controversial or otherwise supplementary material. Readers who are new to RSI and RSA may elect to skip these boxes on their first time through.

Take Home Points

- Most chapters contain selected Take Home Points on the last page.
- Review this material, and the items identified by green text and the associated “Key” icon throughout the chapter, to ensure you understand what I consider to be the most important information.

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