

SIZE MATTERS:

High performance, Low cube tools for emergency airway management

“The first action in caring for any patient (outside of the tactical setting) is to assess the status of airway and breathing. Aggressive airway management is the highest priority of care of the trauma patient and provides for the best possible outcome...”

2007 Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support Manual, p.136

Since airway management is a top priority regardless of the provider’s operational environment, airway tools should be at the top of the list for evaluation. In the case of pre-hospital trauma care, a unique set of variables must be addressed. Consider for a moment the dilemma faced by the medical provider – caring for the most critically injured patients in less than optimal conditions is typical. What options are essential to achieving “the best possible outcome” in this environment?

Minimum Storage Space & Unparalleled Performance

As the old adage goes, size really does matter. Low cube (small footprint), vacuum packaged tools provide the maximum value since storage space is most likely at a premium. Medical teams that function in remote or austere environments such as Search/Rescue, Aeromedical and Tactical will appreciate the benefit of being able to pack a lot of gear into a very small space. In addition to being compact, rugged and easy to access, the ideal kit must also perform as advertised despite its reduced “footprint”. A medical provider cannot afford to compromise or cut corners when obtaining an airway. Doing so could mean the difference between the life and death of the patient.

Strategic Configuration & Maximum Durability

The challenge of “capturing” a critical airway is indeed a daunting task, made even more difficult by variables such as severe upper airway hemorrhage, unique airway structures, facial trauma, secretions, limited patient access and high adrenaline levels. Although an advanced procedure such as a surgical cricothyroidotomy is rarely required in the pre-hospital setting, having all the proper tools (aka: KIT) within reach would give the provider a considerable advantage in the race against time. The ideal kit should be ruggedly packaged in easy-to-view compartments and strategically configured according to the priority of use. Essential tools such as all-inclusive surgical crico-thyroidotomy kits, compact suction devices, compressed bag valve masks, supraglottic airways, 14 gauge 3.25” needle decompression kits and occlusive chest seals are all integral to successful airway management “on the fly”.

The Standard

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