

# PALS Case Scenario Testing Checklist Respiratory Case Scenario Upper Airway Obstruction



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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Test \_\_\_\_\_

Critical Performance Steps	✓ if done correctly
<b>Team Leader</b>	
Assigns team member roles	
Uses effective communication throughout	
<b>Patient Management</b>	
Directs assessment of airway, breathing, circulation, disability, and exposure, including vital signs	
Directs administration of 100% oxygen or supplementary oxygen as needed to support oxygenation	
Directs application of cardiac monitor and pulse oximetry	
Identifies signs and symptoms of upper airway obstruction	
Categorizes as respiratory distress or failure	
Directs administration of nebulized epinephrine and corticosteroid (for croup), or IM epinephrine and IV corticosteroid (for anaphylaxis)	
States indications for bag-mask ventilation and/or other airway or ventilation support	
<i>If the student does not verbalize the above, prompt the student with the following question: "What are the indications for bag-mask ventilation and/or other airway or ventilation support?"</i>	
Directs establishment of IV or IO access, if indicated	
Directs reassessment of patient in response to treatment	
<b>Case Conclusion/Debriefing</b>	
<i>The following step is evaluated only if the student's scope of practice applies</i>	
Describes how to estimate correct endotracheal tube size for this patient	
<i>If the student does not verbalize the above, prompt the student with the following question: "How would you estimate the endotracheal tube size for this infant with upper airway obstruction?"</i>	

## STOP TEST

<b>Instructor Notes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place a ✓ in the box next to each step the student completes successfully.</li> <li>If the student does not complete all steps successfully (as indicated by at least 1 blank check box), the student must receive remediation. Make a note here of which skills require remediation (refer to Instructor Manual for information about remediation).</li> </ul>	
<b>Test Results</b> Check <b>PASS</b> or <b>NR</b> to indicate pass or needs remediation:	<b>PASS</b> <b>NR</b>
Instructor Initials _____ Instructor Number _____ Date _____	