

AMEDDC&S HRCOE PAM 350-10

EFMB Test Score Sheet
TCCC— INSERT A NASOPHARYNGEAL AIRWAY
 (For use of this form, see AMEDDC&S HRCOE Pam 350-10, the proponent is MCCS-OPE)

CANDIDATE'S RANK AND NAME		CANDIDATE #	
TASK: INSERT A NASOPHARYNGEAL AIRWAY.			
CONDITIONS: Given an unconscious casualty in a simulated combat environment who has a need for a patent airway and the necessary materials to treat the casualty.			
STANDARDS: Perform all steps and measures correctly without causing further injury to the casualty.			
NOTE: THIS TASK HAS BEEN MODIFIED FOR EFMB TESTING PURPOSES ONLY.			
PERFORMANCE STEPS/MEASURES		GO	NO-GO
1. Place the casualty supine with the head in a neutral position			
2. Take body substance isolation (BSI) precautions.			
3. Assess nasal passages for apparent obstruction.			
EVALUATOR STATES: "NASAL PASSAGES ARE NOT OBSTRUCTED."			
CAUTION: Do not use the NPA if there is a clear fluid (cerebrospinal fluid) coming from the ears or nose. This may indicate a skull fracture.			
4. Select appropriately sized airway using one of the following methods:			
a. Measure the airway from the casualty's nostril to the earlobe.			
b. Measure the airway from the casualty's nostril to the angle of the jaw.			
NOTE: Choosing the proper length ensures appropriate diameter. Standard adult sizes are 34, 32, 30, and 28 French. For EFMB testing purposes, any size may be utilized, but the candidate is required to measure to select the appropriate size.			
NOTE: A mannequin or training aid will be used to insert NPA.			
5. Lubricate the tube with a water-based lubricant or tap water.			
CAUTION: Do not use petroleum based or non-water based lubricant. These substances can cause damage to the tissues lining the nasal cavity and pharynx, thus increasing the risk for infection.			
6. Insert the NPA.			
a. Push the tip of the nose upwards gently.			
b. Position the tube so that the bevel of the airway faces towards the septum.			
c. Insert the airway into the nostril and advance it until the flange rests against the nostril.			
CAUTION: Never force the airway into the casualty's nostril. If resistance is met pull the tube out and attempt to insert it into the other nostril. Most attempts to insert the NPA should be in the right nostril. If unable to insert into the right nostril, try the left. If inserting in the left nostril, the bevel will not be against the septum.			
7. Place the casualty in the recovery position.			
8. Did not cause further injury to the casualty.			
9. Met all administrative requirements for this task			
REASON(S) FOR FAILURE	DOES THE CANDIDATE WISH TO REBUT THIS TASK? (CANDIDATE INITIALS APPROPRIATE BOX)	YES	NO
LANE OIC/NCOIC INITIALS	EVALUATOR'S SIGNATURE	DATE	