



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



CLINICAL DIRECTIVE 02/2014
FROM: Medical Director
TO: EMTs
SUBJECT: Advanced airway management NAS EMTs are authorised to use the laryngeal tube as an advanced airway, once the have received the appropriate training.
RATIONALE: The CPG " <i>Advanced Airway Management – Adult</i> " 4.3.1 (2014 CPG Edition) authorises EMTs to utilise a supraglottic airway but restricts this to a non-inflatable supraglottic airway. NAS is standardising the Laryngeal Tube as the supraglottic airway for use across all clinical levels – this Clinical Directive authorises EMTs to use the Laryngeal Tube, which is an inflatable supraglottic airway.
EFFECTIVE FROM: November 7th 2014 EFFECTIVE TO: Indefinitely
QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS DIRECTIVE: Education and Competency Assurance Officer

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