INDICATIONS:
  • Unconscious patient with airway compromised by tracheal foreign body not relieved by basic life support maneuvers

CONTRAINDICATIONS:
  • Inability to visualize an obstructing foreign body

NOTES:
  a. Do not blindly probe with forceps. You must visualize the foreign body with the laryngoscope before attempting to remove it.
  b. Use only Magill forceps.
  c. If the foreign body is visible in the subglottic larynx or near trachea (ie. within reach of the forceps), attempt to remove it. Do not attempt to retrieve tracheal foreign body from distal trachea or mainstem bronchi.
  d. If unable to remove a foreign body after two attempts and/or unable to visualize foreign body, initiate emergent transport and continue attempts en route, if it is safe to do so.