



All Levels	
	EMT, EMT-I, & Paramedics
	EMT-I & Paramedics
	Paramedics Only

Pearls:

- CO₂ Detectors or continuous ETCO₂ monitoring is mandatory with all methods of intubation. The results must be documented.
- Maintain C-spine immobilization for patients with suspected spinal injury.
- Do not assume hyperventilation is psychogenic - use oxygen, not a paper bag.
- Hyperventilation in head trauma should only be done if evidence of herniation (i.e. blown pupil, decerebrate or decorticate posturing).
- Nasogastric tube placement should be considered in all intubated patients.
- BIAD should be used secondary to ETT by EMT-I and Paramedic personnel.
- BIAD use by EMT and EMT-I personnel requires patient to be apneic and pulseless.
- If ventilation is adequate with BIAD, oro-tracheal intubation is not necessary.