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To: Charlotte Fire Department
Mecklenburg County First Responder Agencies
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CC: Mecklenburg EMS Agency Field Personnel

Date: 02/15/2016

Re: OG tube insertion

At the NCOEMS Advisory Council meeting on February 9, 2016 it was announced that The North Carolina Medical Board has approved the skill of Oro-gastric tube insertion via a blind insertion airway device to include the EMT and Advanced EMT levels

The Mecklenburg EMS Agency First Responder Focused Cardiac Arrest protocol includes this skill

- Effective immediately; providers at the EMT level may place the orogastric tube via the King-LT for gastric decompression (provider must have received appropriate initial and/or continuing education to ensure proper technique) as pre protocol
- Per the NCMB no fluids or medications are permitted to be instilled via the OG tube by EMT, AEMT level personnel

Each agency's training personnel are to ensure that all EMT's have appropriate continuing education on the proper placement and utilization of an OG-tube placed via the King LT



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