

Annotation

My B.Sc. thesis deals with procedures to maintain free airways by healthcare professionals below the level of physician training. Previously such activities were carried out solely by qualified physicians. The paper shows that non-physicians are just as capable of securing free airways in emergency pre-hospital treatment. Nurses and paramedics can employ a variety of methods, according to skills in which they were trained. The success rate of individual, overall rate of success, most frequently used methods, and other information was obtained by statistical analysis of data found in the archives of emergency services.