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Seldinger Technique Instructions*

1. Carefully palpate the cricothyroid membrane. Stabilize the cartilage and make a vertical incision along the midline. (Figure 1)

2. Attach the syringe to either needle in the set. Then advance the needle at a 45-degree angle in a caudal direction through the midline incision and into the airway. (Figure 2)

3. After you have accessed the trachea, remove the syringe. If using the catheter introducer needle, remove the syringe and needle, leaving the catheter in place. Then advance the wire guide, flexible end first, into the introducer catheter or the needle. (Figure 3)

4. Once the wire guide is within the trachea, remove the introducer catheter or the needle. (Figure 4)

5. Advance the airway catheter assembly over the wire guide and completely into the trachea. (Figure 5) Remove the dilator and the wire guide simultaneously.

6. Use a syringe to inflate the cuff; an 8-10 mL volume in the cuff will yield a cuff diameter of 22-29 mm. (Figure 6)

7. Secure the airway catheter with tracheostomy tape.

8. Connect the airway catheter to a ventilation device.

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A recent report recommends that surgical cricothyrotomy be taught alongside the Seldinger technique.* Our products allow you to use either the Seldinger or surgical cricothyrotomy technique to establish an airway during “cannot intubate, cannot ventilate” situations.

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**Surgical set**

The surgical set is supplied in a compact package to allow easy storage. This comprehensive and compact set provides you with everything you need.

The surgical set includes these components:

- Melker Cuffed Emergency Cricothyrotomy Catheter
- Safety scalpel
- Trousseau dilator
- Tracheal hook
- Blunt, curved dilator
- Syringe
- Tracheostomy tape

**Seldinger set**

The Seldinger set is offered in two configurations so that you can perform procedures in a facility or in the field. The standard Seldinger set is designed for use in a facility, and the set’s components are arranged so that you can quickly establish an airway. The airway catheter is cuffed to protect and control the airway after it is placed.

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- Introducer needles
- PTFE catheter introducer needle
- Wire guide
- Curved dilator

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- PTFE catheter introducer needle
- Syringe
- Safety scalpel
- Wire guide
- Curved dilator
- Trousseau dilator
- Tracheal hook
- Blunt, curved dilator
- Tracheostomy tape
- Needle holder cup
- Gauze sponges

**Universal Set**
The universal set provides all the components you need in one package to perform a cricothyrotomy with either the Seldinger or the surgical technique. You choose which technique you want to perform.

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*Includes two introducer needles, 5 cm and 7 cm. FEP catheter introducer needle not included.

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Intended to establish emergency airway access when endotracheal intubation cannot be performed.

**Surgical Technique Instructions***

1. Firmly immobilize the larynx and make a vertical, midline incision down to the laryngeal structures. (Figure 1)

2. Make a horizontal incision near the inferior edge of the cricothyroid membrane. (Figure 2)

3. Insert the tracheal hook, oriented transversely. Then apply cephalad traction to the inferior margin of the thyroid cartilage. (Figure 3)

4. Insert the Trousseau dilator into the incision and enlarge the opening vertically. (Figure 4)

5. Insert the cuffed emergency airway access assembly between the blades of the Trousseau dilator and into the airway. As you pass the assembly between the blades, rotate the Trousseau dilator counterclockwise 90 degrees, and orient the blades longitudinally in the airway in order to pass the airway assembly. (Figure 5)

6. Fully insert the cuffed emergency airway access assembly. Remove the Trousseau dilator and the instruments. (Figure 6)

7. Use a syringe to inflate the cuff; an 8-10 mL volume in the cuff will yield a cuff diameter of 22-29 mm. (Figure 7)

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