

Chapter 6

Resuscitation Adjuncts

- Suction units
- Airways
- Ventilation devices
- Oxygen-powered ventilators
- Defibrillation

Suction Devices

- Useful for patients who:
 - are vomiting
 - have been removed from the water
 - are inhaling fluids or debris
 - are bleeding from mouth or nose

Suctioning

- Turn the patient's head to the side
- Open patient's mouth to remove large debris
- Measure depth of insertion
- Suction while withdrawing tip

Airways

Oral Airway

- ✓ inserted in mouth
- ✓ prevents tongue from dropping back
- ✓ unconscious patients only

Airways

Nasal Airway:

- inserted in nose
- follows nasal passage
- conscious or unconscious patients
- needs lubrication prior to insertion

Ventilation Devices

- Resuscitation masks
- Bag-valve-mask
- Oxygen-powered ventilators

Defibrillation

- Electrical current passed through the heart
- Ventricular fibrillation/ventricular tachycardia
- Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

Automated External Defibrillator

