

## RAPID SEQUENCE INTUBATION (RSI) - **GUIDELINES**

- A Squad Medical Director (SMD) must apply in writing to the WVOEMS State Medical Director for a particular squad to be considered for the RSI program. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall be established between the Squad Director, Squad Medical Director, and WVOEMS State Medical Director.
- Each individual Squad Medical Director will choose candidates for the program.
- The Squad Medical Director will be responsible for establishing initial and continuing education, performance improvement, etc.
- Continuing education by the SMD will be held monthly for the first year. The Squad Medical Director should directly observe the RSI paramedic perform an intubation and RSI sequence once a quarter (this can be in a clinical or classroom setting).
- The RSI protocol is for adults only at this time (12 years old and up).
- The Squad must agree to purchase, store, and replace the necessary medications.
- Squads entering the program shall be required to have video assisted laryngoscopy equipment.
- Squads participating in this program shall be required to have wave form capnography available.
- Every RSI intubation is to be enrolled in the squad's quality assurance program.
- A minimum of two (2) Paramedics is required throughout transport on any RSI call.
- At the 12 month point in the program, the SMD must reapply with the WVOEMS State Medical Director to continue the program.

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- Candidates shall have at least three (3) years experience as an active and certified WVOEMS ALS EMS provider.
- All candidates shall be required to perform a minimum of ten (10) intubations at a WVOEMS accredited training facility utilizing simulation. These intubations must be directly observed by a WVOEMS approved instructor and/or the Squad Medical Director. These intubations may also be obtained in an operating room setting, if available.