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Thank you for your interest in the Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council (HVREMSCO) iGel™ study across New York State!

The HVREMSCO has been approved by the New York State Department of Health to engage in a two-year pilot study for the feasibility of Emergency Medical Technicians to successfully utilize an iGel™ type gel supraglottic airway device during the treatment of adult patients in cardiac arrest. Not every EMS agency, nor every EMT will be able to participate in this study, only Agencies and EMTs approved by the HVREMSCO may do so.

Please see the attached study proposal which includes a history and justification of the project, protocol for use, evaluation measures, and application.

To be approved, agencies must meet the following list of requirements:

1. Emergency Medical Technicians engaged in this pilot must be currently certified by the NYS DOH BEMS, have completed the most current protocol update, and are members in good standing of the agency engaged in this project.
2. EMTs may only utilize this procedure through a NYS Certified Agency that is Regionally approved for this study. EMTs working for or volunteering with another agency NOT engaged in this project CAN NOT utilize this procedure when providing patient care through such agency.
3. Agencies engaged in this project MUST be either a New York State Certified Ambulance Service or an ALS First Response Agency and must be in good standing with the NYS DOH BEMS.
4. Participating agencies must have written support and approval by their Medical Director.
5. Local Regional EMS Councils must approve the participation of agencies in their respective regions, and forward agency applications and written approvals to the Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council for final approval. No agency can begin until receiving written approval from the HVREMSCO.
6. Participating agencies must utilize a NYS approved ePCR system and provide usage data that meets the latest NEMSIS standards.
7. Participating agencies, and providers engaged in the iGel™ pilot, must currently be using all approved BLS Adjuncts.
8. All EMTs using this method of airway management must participate in a didactic and psychomotor training program and successfully complete cognitive and psychomotor skills testing administered by NYS Certified Instructor Coordinators (CIC), Certified Lab Instructors (CLI) and/or medical director approved training officers.

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9. EMTs must use an iGel™ supraglottic airway resus-pack device.
10. EMTs must use waveform capnography with each gel supraglottic airway placement.
11. EMTs must request Advanced Life Support (ALS) with each i-gel supraglottic airway use.
12. Each iGel™ supraglottic airway placement must be confirmed by either an ALS provider or an emergency department medical control Nurse Practitioner (NP), Physician Assistant (PA) or Physician (MD/DO).
13. EMTs must document all aspects of use, placement confirmation, and verification names and signatures in their ePCR and report any adverse patient outcomes.
14. Agencies must engage in quality assurance of all uses and reposit data to the HVREMSCO.

Below is the process for agencies to follow, to begin participating in the study:

1. An agency sends a completed application to the HVREMSCO.
2. The HVREMSCO approves a complete application, and the agency receives access to the training materials. **This is not clearance for EMTs to begin using the iGel™.**
3. The agency can then train members
4. The Agency must ensure their ePCR Platform will allow for EMTs to document iGel use in the Electronic Health Record (HER), and that data can be shared with the HVREMSCO.
5. The agency must forward copies of training records and/or certificates of completion to the HVREMSCO. Not every EMT in the agency must engage in the pilot, only those comfortable and willing to do so.
6. Throughout the process, the HVREMSCO and the agency must ensure data flow is in place.
7. The HVREMSCO will then send a clearance letter to the agency, local regional council, and NYSDOH for approved providers to begin using the iGel™ in accordance with the pilot. **Trained and approved EMTs may now begin using the iGel™.**
8. The agency can add additional members at any time and forward training records to the HVREMSCO. The HVREMSCO must acknowledge such members before they can begin.