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SUBJECT: EMS Personnel Scope of Practice – Supraglottic Airways (SGAs)

The purpose of this memo is to provide clarification and interpretation of the regulatory inclusion of perilaryngeal (including supraglottic) airway adjuncts.

As noted in the EMS Authority *Paramedic Scope of Practice- Supraglottic Airways (SGAs)* memo, dated May 28, 2021, perilaryngeal airways should be interpreted to include the use of supraglottic airways (SGAs) as supported in the current literature including this article: “A Proposed Classification and Scoring System for Supraglottic Sealing Airways: A Brief Review¹”.

Paramedic and Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians may utilize the following SGAs as part of their standard scope of practice throughout the state:

- i-gel²
- air-Qsp³ (standard “sp” or “blocker sp”)
- LMA Supreme⁴

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) may utilize the above SGA devices as optional scope of practice(s) with local EMS agency accreditation approval, pursuant to [§100064](#).

SGA placements shall be documented as part of the local quality improvement process to ensure continued efficacy of use and identification of adverse events. If you have questions, please email scopeofpractice@emsa.ca.gov.

¹ <https://journals.lww.com/anesthesia-analgesia/pages/articleviewer.aspx?year=2004&issue=11000&article=00050&type=Fulltext>

² <https://www.intersurgical.com/info/igel>

³ <https://cookgas.com/air-asp/>

⁴ <https://www.lmaco.com/products/lma%C2%AE-supreme%E2%84%A2-airway>



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