Skills Summaries

Using a Bag-Valve-Mask (BVM) Resuscitator for Ventilations











Select and insert correct size of OPA, if applicable.



2 Responder 1: assemble correct size of BVM.



Responder 1: attach BVM (adult, child, or baby) to supplemental oxygen.



- Responder 1: position mask, then open airway and seal mask:
 - a. Place thumbs on each side of mask.
 - b. Place fingers of both hands along jawbone.
 - c. Open airway using head-tilt/chin-lift (or jaw thrust if head and/or spine injury is suspected); for a baby, place padding under shoulders prior to opening airway.
 - d. Apply downward pressure with thumbs while lifting jaw upward with fingers.



- 5 Responder 2: begin ventilations:
 - a. Squeeze bag smoothly just until chest starts to rise.
 - b. Give 1 ventilation every 5–6 seconds (1 every 3–5 seconds for a child or baby).
 - c. Watch chest to see if air is going in.
 - d. Recheck pulse and breathing after 2 minutes and every few minutes thereafter.