



4 - Rapid-Sequence Intubation

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Rapid-sequence intubation (RSI) is a critical adjunct to the control and management of the airway in the emergency department. RSI is a fundamental skill for the practicing emergency medicine physician.

The American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP) recognizes the necessity that the practicing emergency medicine physician possesses the requisite skills and training in performing rapid sequence intubation.

The ACOEP has connoted the following credentialing criteria and practice management concepts in regards to rapid-sequence intubation.

1. Physicians credentialed to perform rapid-sequence intubation (RSI) should be board certified or board eligible by the AOBEM or ABEM.
2. Physicians credentialed to perform RSI should possess training in surgical and non-surgical alternatives in airway management.
3. The appropriate sedative and paralytic agents should be immediately available in the ED for emergency medicine physicians credentialed in RSI.
4. The appropriate quality assessment programs should specifically address RSI.