

APAGBI SURVEY AND AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE

Template Report for Surveys of the APA Membership

Survey Title: Technique of oropharyngeal airway insertion in children

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Brief Description of Purpose: To inform the recommendations for OPA insertion in PILS and EPLS manual

Category of Membership Surveyed: All

Dates of Survey: Nov/Dec 2010

Number of Responses: 279

Outline Findings of Survey: Very few (6.8%) paediatric anaesthetists use the technique for OPA insertion outlined in resuscitation manuals. 55% insert the airway directly and 34% use the adult rotation technique. There were occasional reports of minor damage following insertion; all were associated with the use of force for insertion in poorly relaxed children

Intended Publication/Presentation: Abstract being prepared for APAGBI ASM in May 2011

Follow up Actions Required: Instructions in resuscitation manuals modified

Other Comments:

Date Submitted to Survey Lead: 7.2.11

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