Preface

These Regional Rapid Sequence Intubation Guidelines were approved by the Old Dominion EMS Alliance (ODEMSA) Medical Control Committee, and were implemented in November 2005. They are intended to provide guidance to those advanced life support (ALS) agencies in the ODEMSA region that are considering initiating a rapid sequent intubation airway management program under the direction of its operational medical director (OMD). In publishing these guidelines, the Medical Control Committee recognizes the need for alternate modes of airway management and the fact that ALS agencies must adapt some procedures to meet unique local needs and requirements.

Therefore, these are minimal guidelines. The guidelines and related documents are designed to provide a template by which agencies in the ODEMSA region will be able to meet a regional standard of care while meeting those local needs and requirements. The agency OMD is welcome to enhance a rapid sequence intubation (RSI) program. Please note, however, that whatever RSI program the agency and its OMD develop must contain at a minimum all of the elements in these guidelines in order to meet the regional standard of care as established by the ODEMSA Medical Control Committee.

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Appreciation

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