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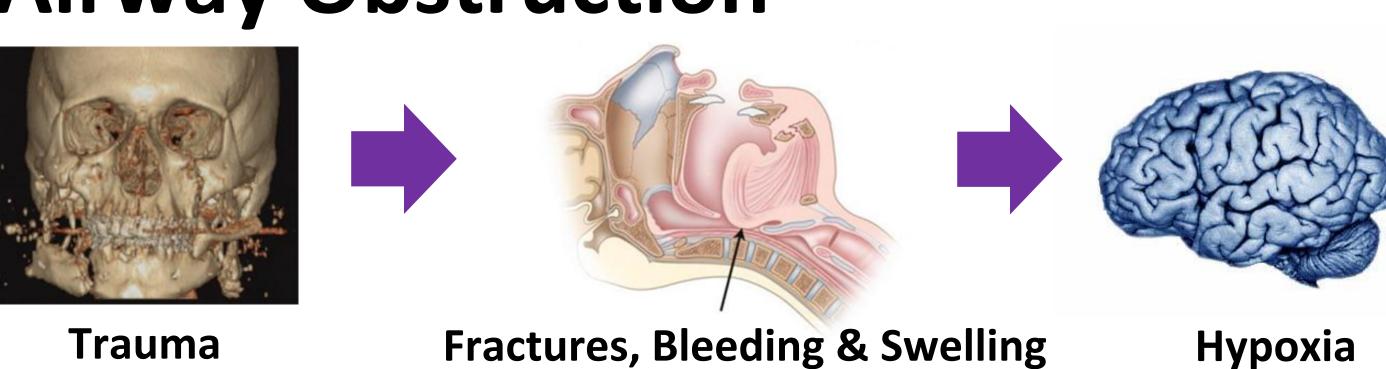


Handheld Emergency
Cricothyrotomy Assist Device



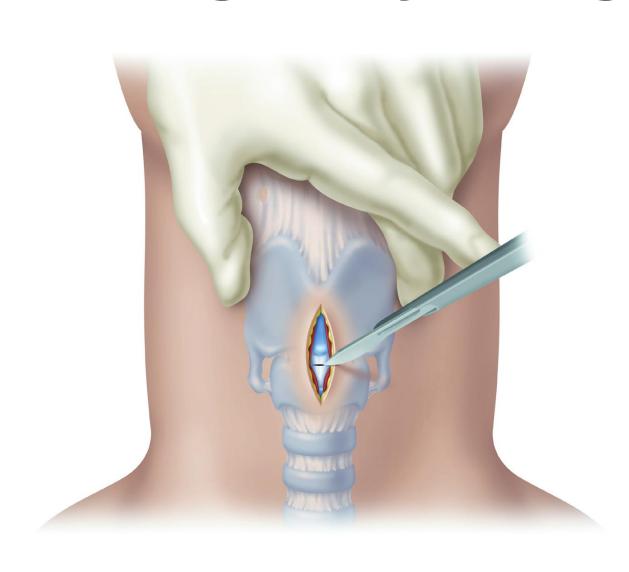
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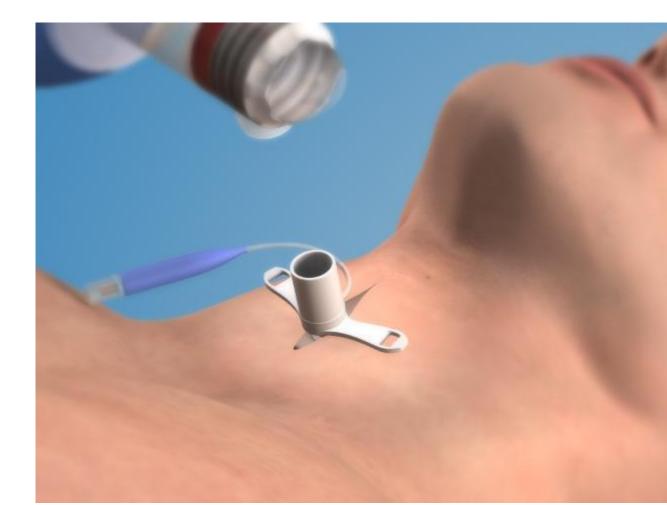
Maxillofacial Trauma Leads to Airway Obstruction



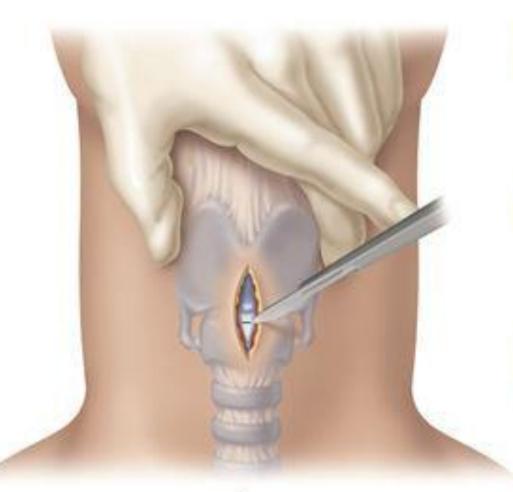
Airway obstruction is the 2nd largest cause of preventable death in U.S. Army

Cricothyrotomy Creates an Emergency Surgical Airway





Cricothyrotomy ("Cric") Procedure



| 1 | Palpation Used to Locate Cricothyroid Membrane |
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- Vertical Incision From Cricoid to Thyroid Cartilage
- Horizontal Incision Though Cricothyroid Membrane
- Breathing Tube Inserted into Stoma



Army Combat Medics (68W) Perform Cricothyrotomies

Cricothyrotomies Fail Often in the Pre-Hospital Setting

| Failure Rate | 1/3 |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Training | 2 hours in class, 15 practice reps |
| Medic-to-Soldier Ratio | 1:30 |
| Environment | Dangerous Conditions, Moving Vehicle |

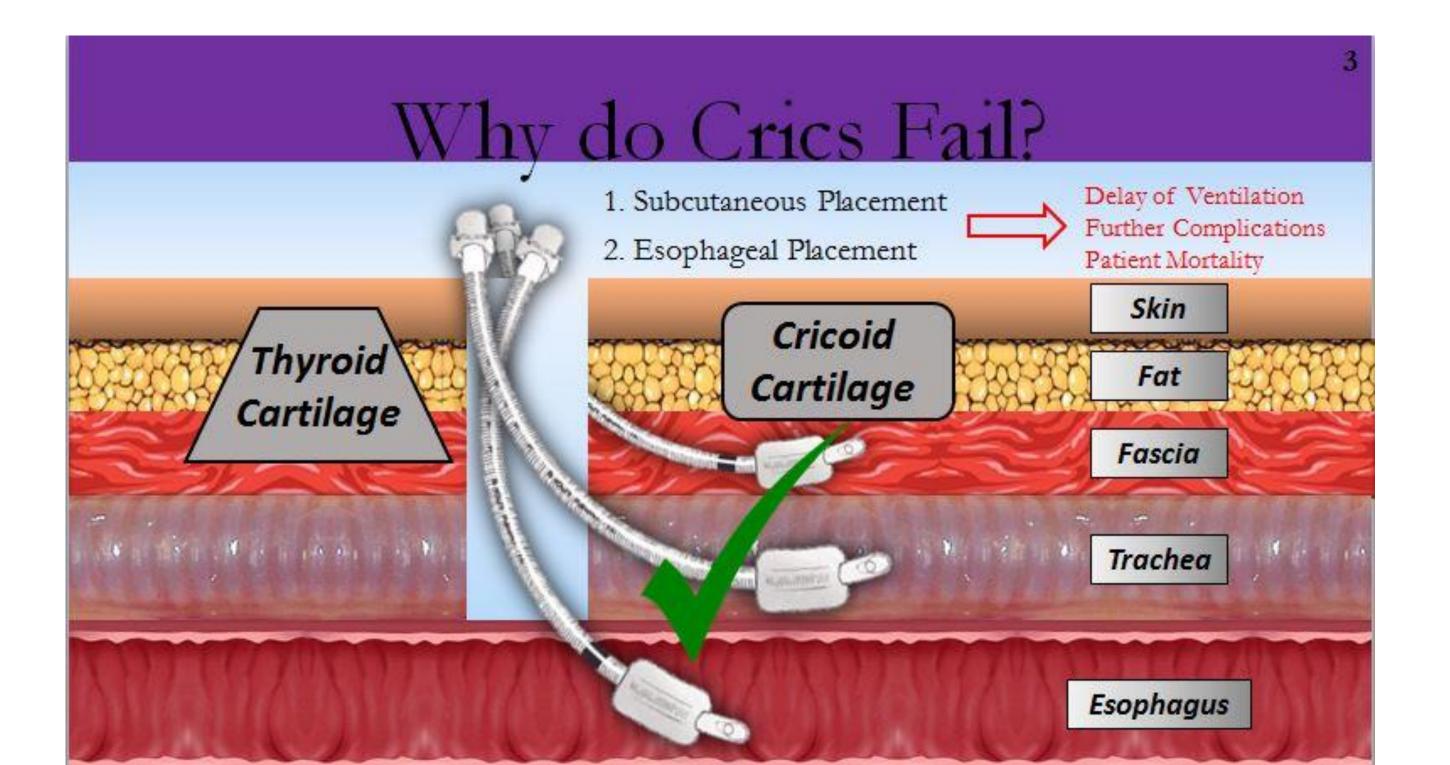
Needs Statement

U.S. Army combat medics with limited anatomical and surgical training need a means to perform cricothyrotomy for maxillofacial trauma patients to establish a definitive airway rapidly and intuitively.

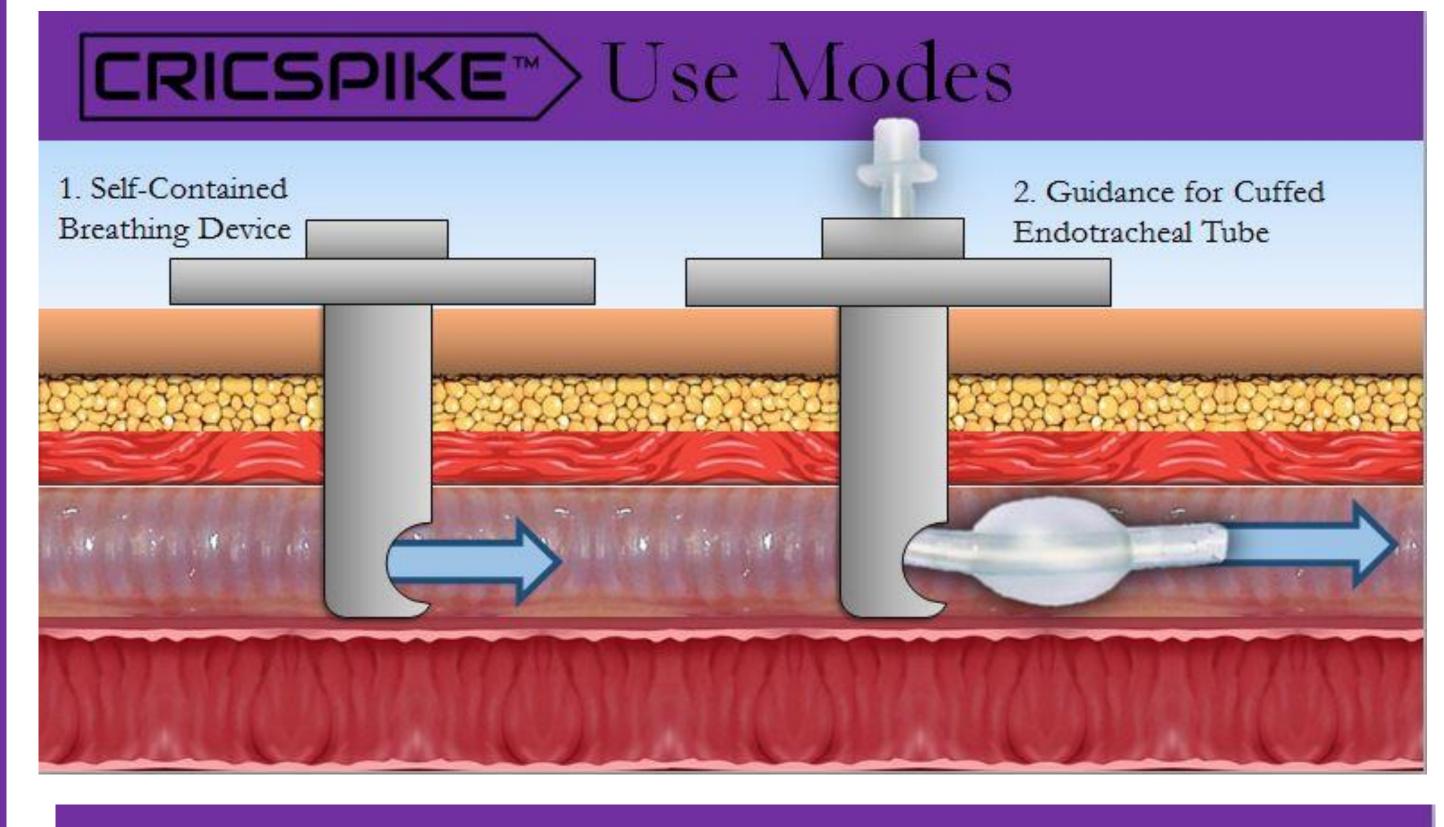
"Satellites, global positioning systems, unmanned aerial vehicles, and lasers are just a few of the new technologies placed on the modern battlefield; the modern combat medic is, on the other hand, using technology that has **barely advanced since 1831**."

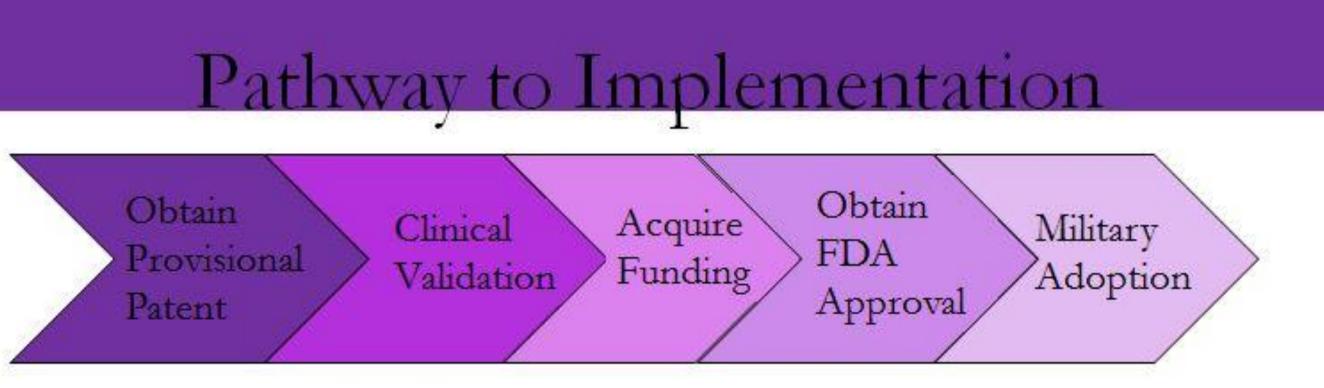
—COL Lorne H Blackbourne, MC, USA (2011)

What are the Failure Points?



Components: 1. Intra-Tracheal Tip 2. Removable Handle 3. Securement Mechanisms Peatures: Unique Geometry Ensures Correct Placement Blunt End Prevents Esophageal Puncture Full-Sized Handle For Optimal Control





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