

Troop Elevation Pillow Addition: Instructions for Use

Description

The Troop Elevation Pillow Addition (TEPA) or the ***Addition*** is a wedge-shaped positioner that is designed to be used with the Troop Elevation Pillow by anesthesia providers. The Addition is placed on top of the Troop Elevation Pillow and a head cradle or standard intubating pillow is placed on top of the flat / plateau part of the Addition to help improve airway management of morbidly obese patients.

Use



The Troop Elevation Pillow (TEP) + the Addition (TEPA) + the Head Cradle (H.C.) are designed for ***positioning the super morbidly obese patient in the H.E.L.P. position*** (head elevated laryngoscopy position). As a general guideline, the TEP + TEPA + H.C. is recommended for patients weighing 450 to 500 pounds or more or patients whose ***BMI is greater than 50***. The patient's height and weight distribution are important observations when considering the clinical indication to use the TEPA. For example, a super morbidly obese patient whose weight is mainly in the abdomen and upper chest area (verses the waist and hip area) is more likely to receive the most benefit.

The ***Troop Elevation Pillow Addition (TEPA)*** is available as a disposable or reusable vinyl covered product designed to be placed on top of the vinyl covered Troop Elevation Pillow. ***A disposable surgical barrier cover (sold separately) or surgical drape is recommended to cover and protect the vinyl TEPA and the vinyl Troop Elevation Pillow.***