

## CLINICAL "SNIPPETS"

### **Ventilation strategies in the obstructed airway in a bench model simulating a non-intubated respiratory arrest patient**

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**Overview:** The Smart Bag MO<sup>®</sup> is an adult flow-limited bag-valve device designed to reduce the risk of stomach inflation in an unprotected airway. Its properties in severe airway obstruction are as yet unknown.

**Conclusion:** In a simulated severely obstructed unprotected airway, the use of a flow-limited bag-valve device resulted in longer inspiratory times, higher tidal volumes, lower inspiratory pressures, and no stomach inflation compared with a standard bag-valve device.