

General:

- Prevents upper airway occlusion
- Has a central lumen
- Indicated if Guedel is not tolerated
- External diameter is measured in French (1F is 0.33mm)
- Correct length is the tip of the nose to the ear



Wendel



Robertazzi

nasopharyngeal airways

oropharyngeal & nasopharyngeal airways
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oropharyngeal airways

General:

- includes Guedel and Berman airways named after those who 1st described them.

Uses:

1. Prevents upper airway occlusion
2. Can be used as a bite block to protect tongue, ETT or bronchoscope

Features:

- (i) are generally made of hard plastic
- (ii) have a semicircular design that conforms to the curvature of the palate.
- (iii) The oropharyngeal airway holds the tongue away from the posterior pharynx so air can pass through and around the device.
- (iv) Guedel has a central opening while Berman has side channels



Guedel

- the size of the Guedel airway is the length between the corner of the mouth and the ear lobe.
- It is inserted into the patient's mouth pointing upward, and rotated when introduced to point downward.



Berman