

Airway

The [respiratory tract](#) is divided into the upper airways and lower airways. The upper airways or upper respiratory tract includes the [nose](#) and nasal passages, [paranasal sinuses](#), the pharynx, and the portion of the larynx above the vocal folds (cords). The lower airways or lower respiratory tract includes the portion of the larynx below the vocal folds, trachea, bronchi and bronchioles. The lungs can be included in the lower respiratory tract or as separate entity and include the respiratory bronchioles, alveolar ducts, alveolar sacs, and alveoli.

[Nasopharyngeal airway](#).

ABC Stabilization:

- **Airway**: Intubate if GCS $\leq$ 8.
- **Breathing**: Maintain SpO₂ > 94%.
- **Circulation**: Avoid hypotension (SBP < 90 mmHg).

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