

ABSTRACT

POSITIONING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR USE WITH A PATIENT UNDER
ANESTHESIA

An apparatus for supporting the head and neck for airway management and to facilitate the maintenance of a patent airway under anesthesia, for unconscious patients, and for any circumstance requiring a patent airway while the patient is lying on her side. The apparatus includes a head supporting surface, an adjustable neck supporting surface, and two adjustable jaw support arms to protrude the jaw forward and maintain ventilation while the patient is lying on either of his/her sides. Additionally, the apparatus can be used with a nasal mask that can be used together with an oral mask releasably attached to the nasal mask through a closable opening on the nasal mask. The combination of nasal and oral mask can be used for bag-mask ventilation, general anaesthesia, deep sedation or respiratory treatment.

(Fig. no. 41)