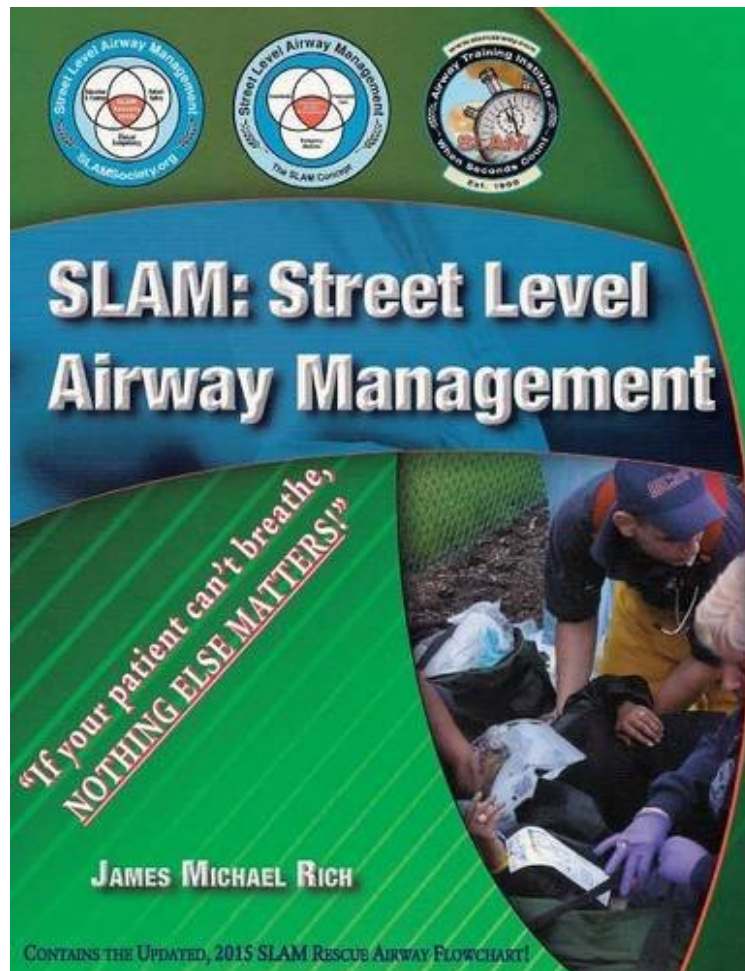


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Must Read for ParamedicsBy BusDriverThis book is a must-read for paramedics. I'm half way thru it and I have learned so much already. The Author gives tremendous detail explaining each of the concepts and techniques. It has helped me tremendously. The edition I'm reveiwng is 4 years old already. I'd like to see an update soon in a new edition.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Author's Overview of SLAM: Street Level Airway ManagementBy James M. RichAuthor's Overview of SLAM - Street Level Airway Management: Breathing is the Key - Education is the Answer! This book offers current information on emergency and difficult airway management from the "Street Level" through all areas of the hospital!My goal in writing SLAM: Street Level Airway Management was to create a cutting edge, evidence-based book on emergency and difficult airway management. I wanted to produce a book that offers solutions to emergency and difficult airway situations for

those practicing from the "street level" through all areas of the hospital, which is what the SLAM Airway Course has done for nearly a decade. I have practiced nurse anesthesia for nearly 30 years, which has allowed me to teach emergency and difficult airway management to many different types of providers. This has resulted in me collaborating with a seasoned group of 24 international airway experts, educators, researchers, inventors and practitioners from all areas of clinical practice to write this practical text. My hope is that this book will become an indispensable benefit to any practitioner who needs to provide safe and effective airway management, regardless of the professional discipline in which he or she is practicing. At about a penny a page it is a real bargain.

SLAM: Street Level Airway Management is based upon my emergency and difficult airway flowchart and my SLAM Emergency Airway Provider Course. Using the SLAM Concept and the SLAM Universal Adult Airway Flowchart as a starting point, it focuses on the fundamental aspects of anatomy, patient condition and clinical considerations promoting both patient safety and clinical competency. The book brings together information that has been taught for years at the SLAM courses and presented at the slamairway-dot-com website. Excellent figures (photos, detailed drawings and line drawings) as well as clearly presented tables simplify and reinforce the learning of difficult topics.

SLAM: Street Level Airway Management offers a practical approach for prehospital practitioners (paramedics flight nurses) as well as hospital based providers such as respiratory care practitioners, CRNAs, residents and physicians practicing airway management. It instructs practitioners on a number of levels on how to: a) form a plan of care; b) assess and evaluate the airway; c) effectively oxygenate and ventilate critically ill patients; d) increase success in passing the tracheal tube on the first attempt; e) rescue failed intubation and effectively perform rescue ventilation; f) utilize AHA approved methods to confirm tracheal intubation and monitor lung ventilation; g) deal with special airway situations seen during trauma, burn and inhalation injuries, c-spine injury, pregnancy and pediatrics; and h) effectively apply advanced intubation techniques. Chapters include: 1) SLAM Universal Adult Airway Flowchart; 2) Airway Anatomy and Assessment; 3) Oxygenation and Ventilation in Adults; 4) Direct Laryngoscopy and Tracheal Intubation; 5) Confirmation of Tracheal Intubation and Monitoring of Lung Ventilation; 6) Pharmacology of Airway Management; 7) Rapid Sequence Induction and Intubation in Adults; 8) Rescue ventilation; 9) Advanced Techniques for Difficult Intubation; 10) Fiberscopic and Video-Assisted Intubation; 11) Lightwand Intubation; 12) Cricothyrotomy; 13) The Traumatized Airway; 14) The Cervical-Spine-Injured Patient; 15) Burns and Inhalation Injuries; 16) The Pediatric Airway; 17) Sedation/Analgesia for Postintubation Management; 18) Legal Implications of Emergency Airway Management; and 19) Nosocomial Risks of Airway Management.

Besides showing effective ways to deal with difficult ventilation and rescue failed intubation, the book also introduces and reinforces some cutting-edge topics, such as: 1) Mason's PU-92 concept; 2) Recognition Management of Critical Airway Events; 3) 6-D Method of Difficult Airway Assessment; 4) Bougie-Assisted Intubation; 5) Use of CPAP, BiPAP and proper use of supraglottic airway devices; 6) Rescue Ventilation; 7) Simple Rescue Intubation techniques; 8) AHA and ILCOR Guidelines 2005 recommendations; and 9) The SLAM Universal Adult Airway Flowchart: the flowchart's 5 pathways can be easily followed using the full-color 11" X 17" high resolution copy of the flowchart that is included as a foldout of the inside front cover. Everyone from EMTs and paramedics through healthcare educators in prehospital care, pulmonary medicine, intensive care, respiratory care, anesthesiology and emergency medicine should find this book valuable for learning, teaching and practicing emergency and difficult airway management, from the prehospital "street level" through all areas of the hospital.

SLAM: Street Level Airway Management's contribution to the field of airway management is based upon its overarching message: "Patient's Die or Suffer Debilitating Brain Injury from Failure to Ventilate and Failure to Oxygenate - Not From Failure to Intubate". Therefore, Learn SLAM: Street Level Airway Management, Because If Your Patient Can't Breathe - Nothing Else Matters!!!

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. **SLAM: Street Level Airway Management** By William E. Gandy When I attended my first SLAM course in 1999, I came out of it saying that I could "intubate Godzilla flying." Now, I had been a paramedic for some 18 years, and had intubated many patients, but there were always those difficult ones. SLAM takes those difficult patients and explains in detail how to approach them, assess and evaluate them, and successfully manage their airways. To be perfectly frank, after I went to my first SLAM seminar I asked Jim Rich, the major domo of SLAM, if I could become involved, and I became a SLAM instructor. As a lawyer, my interests cross over to the legal implications of airway management as well as the technical aspects. I wrote the chapter on legal aspects of airway management in this book, so I make full disclosure. This book is, in my mind, the definitive book on airway care. It has something for everyone. Whether you're a board certified anesthesiologist, a CRNA, a Paramedic, or a Respiratory Therapist, SLAM will give you the information you need to know to save lives.

Besides showing effective ways to overcome difficult ventilation and rescue failed intubations, it gives every airway practitioner all the basic and advanced information needed to become a competent airway manager. The message of SLAM that makes the most difference is that patients die or suffer debilitating brain injury from failure to ventilate and failure to oxygenate--NOT failure to intubate. SLAM enforces the concept that if your patient can't breathe--nothing else matters. I recommend the SLAM manual to every doctor, nurse, respiratory therapist, paramedic, or EMT who deals with patients with airway problems. William E. Gandy, JD, LP

As Executive Director of both the SLAM Airway Training Institute and the SLAM Society and the founder of the SLAM emergency airway provider course, the author brings a unique perspective to this comprehensive, easy-to-read text. This book is based upon the author's highly successful course of the same name taught nationally to thousands of students since its inception in 2000. Now with the updated 2015 SLAM Rescue Airway Flowchart, this text focuses on the essentials of airway management from the fundamental aspects of airway anatomy and airway assessment through formulation of a practical plan to manage the emergency and difficult airway in all patient locations.