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Dear Australian Resuscitation Council,

**Feedback on draft Australian and New Zealand Committee on Resuscitation (ANZCOR) Guideline 4 – Airway**

Thank you for inviting the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) to provide feedback on the draft Australian and New Zealand Committee on Resuscitation (ANZCOR) Guideline 4 – Airway (the guideline).

ANZCA, including the Faculty of Pain Medicine, is committed to setting the highest standards of clinical practice in the fields of anaesthesia, perioperative medicine and pain medicine. As one of the largest medical colleges in Australia, ANZCA is responsible for the postgraduate training programs of anaesthetists and specialist pain medicine physicians, in addition to promoting best practice and ongoing continuous improvement that contributes to a high quality health system.

Feedback on the guideline was sought from the airway management special interest group executive committee (the airway SIG executive). This group is made up of anaesthetists with a particular interest and involvement in airway management.

ANZCA's principle feedback on the draft guideline is that the suggested use of chin lift is misleading and may be ineffectual even in experienced hands. The recommended technique, even for first aiders, is jaw support/ jaw thrust. This is the only method that actually lifts the tongue up away from the back of the pharynx.

Further changes to the guideline have been proposed by Professor André van Zundert (airway SIG executive research liaison). These are shown as tracked changes on the attached document. We hope they will be helpful in developing the final guideline.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the draft guideline. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the ANZCA safety and quality policy staff in the first instance at [sq@anzca.edu.au](mailto:sq@anzca.edu.au)

Yours sincerely

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