



Pediatric Foreign Body Airway Obstruction (FBAO)

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- Signs/symptoms of FBAO: sudden onset of respiratory distress with coughing, gagging, stridor, or wheezing.
- Do not use tongue/jaw lift or perform blind finger sweep.
- Do not perform deep suctioning. Oropharyngeal suctioning should be performed while visualizing the FBAO.

Signs of severe obstruction:

- Poor air exchange
- Silent cough
- Increased breathing difficulty
- Inability to speak or breathe
- Cyanosis

