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CLINICAL BULLETIN

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58	Possible Failure of Nasopharyngeal Airways			August 19, 2019
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ALERT!

The Maine EMS has been made aware of four instances of failures of the following equipment:

- **Curaplex brand Nasopharyngeal Airway (NPA), multiple sizes**

The failures have been recorded over the course of the past year. In each instance, the trumpet/flange end of the airway adjunct collapsed, resulting in total migration of the adjunct into the nasal cavity. One instance required extraction in the OR. The adjuncts in question were ordered from BoundTree. Neither Maine EMS nor the reporting EMS service are aware of any recall by the manufacturer (Tri-anim).

The New Hampshire Bureau of EMS advises services to exercise caution as necessary when using these or any nasal airway adjuncts, and to contact BoundTree or the manufacturer if you have any questions.