

Annex B (informative)

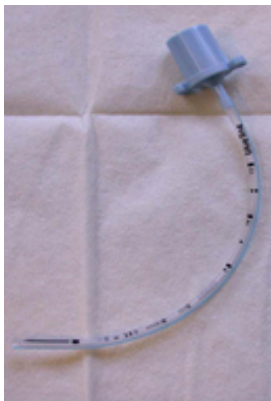
Pierre Robin Sequence and treatment options (clause 4.1.1)



Pierre Robin Sequence occurs when a baby is born with a small lower jaw (micrognathia), a cleft palate and a tongue positioned toward the back. The tongue can fall into the throat causing total or partial airway obstruction, frequently heard as a 'snorting' or 'grunting' sound.

Suggested treatment options

- 1) An effective way to make breathing easier is to use a Nasal Pharyngeal Airway (NPA). This is a shortened breathing tube made from an adapted endotracheal airway (see illustration) which passes over the tongue and sits just above the epiglottis (wind pipe).



- 2) Another option recommended in some cleft centres is the use of plate with a velar extension (e.g. Tübingen Plate) which is used to prevent the tongue slipping back and blocking the airway [11]

