Laryngeal mask airway
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**Features:**
1. Drain tube allows easy clinical confirmation of correct mask position
2. Drain tube provides direct access to stomach contents and prevents gastric insufflation providing an escape for unexpected regurgitation
3. High seal pressure - up to 30 cm H20 - Providing a tighter seal against the glottic opening with no increase in mucosal pressure
4. Provides more airway security than regular LMA

**Indications:**
1. Lack of expertise for endotracheal intubation
2. Failed intubation
3. Success at placement of LMA is unaffected by Mallampati score or presence of a hard collar
4. Prolonged positive pressure ventilation

**Contraindications:**
1. Prolonged positive pressure ventilation

**Sizes:**
- Size 1: neonates up to 5kg
- Size 1/2: infants 5-10 kg
- Size 2: infants / children 10-20 kg
- Size 2 1/2: children 20-30kg
- Size 3: children heavier than 30kg and small adults
- Size 4: normal and large adults (cuff volume 30ml)
- Size 5: large adults (cuff volume 40ml)