Recently you may have seen some controversy between the FDA and the manufacturers of the the King LT regarding classification of the airway. The King LT is classified as an Oropharyngeal Airway. An Oropharyngeal Airway is defined as a device inserted into a patient's pharynx through the mouth to provide a patent airway. The PA Statewide ALS Protocols list the King LT as an acceptable alternate airway for ALS Providers. Dr. Kupas, the Commonwealth EMS Medical Director addressed this issue in a letter sent to all Regional EMS councils. In the letter, Dr. Kupas stated, "The published and anecdotal information related to the use of the King LT in EMS systems by ALS providers, in PA and other states, has been overwhelmingly positive, and we would likely be doing our patients a disservice by banning this device based upon its level of FDA approval". There will be further discussion regarding this issue at the PEHSC MAC meeting scheduled for mid January. Dr. Kupas also stated "until further notice, the use of the King LT by EMS personnel in PA will continue to be guided by our scope of practice and Statewide ALS Protocols".