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hollow tube, said opening in said wall of said second hollow tube being in fluid flow communication with the patient's trachea; and  
 said distal end of said first hollow tube in said second position inserted into the trachea of a patient, having said passage sealing means preventing airflow between said second hollow tube and the patient's trachea, said proximal end of said first hollow tube comprising the sole means for introducing air into the patient's lungs via air flow entering said proximal end of said first hollow tube, flowing through said inner diameter of said first hollow tube, exiting the distal end of said first hollow tube, and entering the patient's lungs.

16. Apparatus as defined in claim 15 further comprising a third hollow tube having a wall, a proximal end and a distal end, said third hollow tube having an outer diameter which is smaller than the inner diameter of said first hollow tube and being insertable into said first hollow tube to extend along said first hollow tube in the direction away from said proximal end of said first hol-

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low tube to at least the vicinity of said distal end of said first hollow tube.

17. Apparatus as defined in claim 16 further comprising a mask arranged to be placed on the patient's face and having a hollow member couplable to said proximal end of said second hollow tube.

18. Apparatus as defined in claim 17 wherein said mask comprises a flexible sheet dimensioned to cover the patient's face in a region surrounding the patient's mouth and having at least one strap for securing said sheet on the patient's face.

19. Apparatus as defined in claim 17 wherein said mask further comprises a one-way valve mounted in said hollow member for permitting fluid flow through said hollow member only in the direction from said hollow member to said second hollow tube when said second hollow tube is coupled to said hollow member, while preventing the flow of air and airborne materials through said hollow member in a direction from said second hollow tube to said hollow member.

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