

# Capnography

*the ventilation vital sign*

“**Barney’s** bad and **Big Bird** isn’t telling us much!”

To many of us this is our only knowledge of capnography, used to help determine ET tube placement. However color does not tell you much if the patient received mouth-to-mask ventilations or was consuming carbonated beverages before going into their present state.

Carbon dioxide is a waste product that the body, more specifically the cells, creates as a result of metabolism. Knowing this, we are able to use it to determine many aspects about our patient. We can determine hypermetabolic states (DKA) or states of low cardiac output (shock), properly ventilate our patients, and, oh yeah, determine if the tube is properly placed.

## **CAPNOGRAPHY**

FREE

Course # 300006

This course is offered free to those members in the Big Lakes region. This is a 3-hour program.

