

Emergency Department Pre-Intubation Checklist

Prepare Patient

- Is emergency intubation really required?
- Should this be an awake fiberoptic intubation?
- Is there good IV access with running lines?
- Is the patient's position optimal?
- Is preoxygenation optimal?
- Can the patient's condition be optimised any further before intubation?
- How will anaesthesia be maintained after induction?

Prepare Equipment

- What monitoring is applied?
 - ECG
 - Blood pressure
 - +/- Arterial line
 - Sats probe
 - Capnography
- What equipment is checked and available?
 - Self-inflating bag
 - Suction
 - 2 ET tubes
 - 2 laryngoscopes
 - Video laryngoscope
 - Stylet & bougie
 - Difficult airway trolley
- Do you have all the drugs required, including vasopressors?
 - Check allergies

Prepare Team

- Who is ...?
 - Team leader
 - First intubator
 - Second intubator
 - Cricoid pressure / Laryngeal manipulation
 - Airway Nurse
 - Giving Drugs
 - In-line stabilisation (if indicated)
- How do we contact further help if required?
 - ED Duty cons ext:
 - DA ext:
- Discuss the plan with the team
 - Discuss initial plan
 - Visualise failed airway algorithm

Prepare for Difficulty

- If the airway is difficult, could we wake the patient up?
- Are any specific difficulties anticipated?
 - BMV / ETT / LMA Articulate plan
 - Oxygenation Articulate plan
 - Haemodynamics Articulate plan
 - Metabolic abnormality Articulate plan
 - Intracranial pressures Articulate plan