

EMERGENCY PRE-INTUBATION CHECKLIST

PATIENT PREPARATION

Pre-oxygenation

- 100 % O₂
- CPAP via Anaesthetic circuit/Ayre's T-piece +mask

Patient Position

- Elevate head up to 30°
- Optimised for intubation
 - Pillow
 - Neck roll

IV Access

- Adequate
- Patent
- Secure

Optimisation

- Fluids
- Vasopressors

NG Tube

- Stop feed
- NGT aspirated/free drainage

EQUIPMENT PREPARATION

Monitoring

- ECG
- NIBP (on cycle) +/- IABP
- SpO₂ – tone on
- EtCO₂ – in-line/detector

Equipment

- Suction on - Yankauer/catheters
- Oral / Nasal Airways
- Stethoscope
- 2 laryngoscope handles + blades
- 2 ETT (1 smaller) / Cuffed
- Bougie/Stylet
- Magills forceps
- Syringe for cuff + manometer
- Tape to secure ETT
- Ventilator checked
- Aquagel

Drugs

- Induction agents/sedation
- Muscle relaxant/reversal agent
- Vasopressor / Inotropes / Fluids
- Sedative Infusion

FINAL PREPARATION

Team

- 2 intubators/2 Assistants
- RSI/Cricoid Pressure
- Drugs (doses checked)
- Manual in-line stabilisation

Communication

- Intubation plan shared

Difficult Airway Anticipated?

- Difficult Airway trolley needed
- Paediatric Anaesthetist required

SEE DIFFICULT AIRWAY ALGORITHM