

EMERGENCY COVID-19 INTUBATION CHECKLIST

CHECKS BEFORE ENTERING ROOM or CUBICLE

TEAM

- Anaesthesia contacted if concerns?**
Sunshine – 9055 3021
- Roles allocated?**
Team Leader/drugs
Airway Nurse
Airway Doctor
Scribe
Runner (outside)
- Don PPE & buddy check?**
- Communication working?**

PATIENT

- Difficult airway anticipated?**
- Pre-oxygenation method?**
- Haemodynamics optimised?**
- Monitoring working?**
ETCO₂, SpO₂, BP
- IV access x2?**
Fluid on pump set

EQUIPMENT

- Drugs drawn up & doses chosen?**
Induction drugs
Vasopressors
Post-intubation sedation
(**Paeds**- use Monash Book for weight-based doses)
- Intubation equipment ready?**
Laid out as per kit dump
ETT size chosen, tested
BVM *with filter* checked
- C-MAC?**
- Ventilator settings?**

PLAN

- Plans discussed?**
Plan A – VL Intubation with bougie/stylet
Plan B – iGel
Plan C – BVM (2 person with OPA/NPA)
Plan D – surgical airway
- What is the trigger to move to Plan B?**
- Any questions or concerns?**

VL = videolaryngoscope

FINAL CHECKS AT BEDSIDE

- Patient position optimal?** Head up, ear-to-sternal notch
- Suction checked?**
- Fluid running easily?**
- BVM with filter, O₂ connected at 15L/min?**
- ETCO₂ trace?**
- CMAC on?**
- Pre-oxygenation optimal?** BVM, good seal confirmed with ETCO₂ trace
- Everyone ready?**
- Remember to DOFF safely with buddy check!**