

Emergency Department Post-Intubation Checklist

Airway & ETT care

Breathing & Ventilator

Circulation & Fluid balance

Other

- Continuous EtCO₂
- Check tube depth (usually 22cm female; 24cm male)
- Check cuff pressure (20-30cm H₂O)
- Secure ETT (tie unless raised ICP – then tape)
- OGT / NGT inserted and stomach aspirated
- Eye care initiated

- Check ventilator settings
- Order and check CXR
- Check ABGs
- Head of bed to 30° up
- Recheck ventilator settings adjusting as per serial ABGS
- Oral suction and decontamination

- Check IV access; consider arterial line +/- CVC
- All monitoring still attached
- Fluids and blood products selected and documented
- IDC unless contraindicated
- Consider DVT prophylaxis

- Adequate sedation, analgesia and paralysis
- Temperature optimisation
- Specific treatment commenced e.g. antibiotics, dressings etc
- Property secure
- Family / NOK aware
- Documentation complete – procedures, drugs, infusions, notes all complete
- Prepare for transfer