

# 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