



Pre - Intubation Checklist

To be used for all Endotracheal Intubations

Prepare for difficult airway

- Previous Airway Grade?
- Is difficult airway anticipated or other complications anticipated?
- If yes, discuss strategy and inform ENT / Anaesthetics / Consultant.

Prepare Patient

- Confirm IV access – Secure & Patent.
- Optimise position for intubation.
- Pre-Oxygenate ≥ 3 minutes.
- Insert O/NGT & aspirate stomach content.
- Apply mandatory monitoring:**
- ECG, SpO₂ & NIBP cycling to 1min (preferably should not be on the same side as SpO₂) / invasive BP where possible

Prepare Equipment & Drugs

Check equipment

- Face mask sized
- Oropharyngeal airway sized
- Anaesthetic T-piece / AMBU Bag [reservoir].
- Manometer (if available).
- 2 working laryngoscopes / blades \pm video laryngoscope
- 2 ETT (1 smaller size) – cuff checked /syringe
- Calculate ETT length.
- Do you need - LMA, Stylet, Bougie, Magill forceps?
- Working oxygen – Enough?
- Working suction [Yankauer/ Catheters].
- Stethoscope.
- Tapes cut – modified Melbourne strapping
- Lubricant / Jelly.
- ETCO₂ monitor / Colorimeter

Prepare drugs

- Induction agent /sedation / muscle relaxants
- Fluid bolus
- Inotropes, if needed peripheral adrenaline
- Resuscitation drugs

Prepare Team

- Are two appropriately experienced people present?
- Consultant aware?
- Does the on call anesthetist need to be alerted?
- Allocate roles:
 - Intubator -
 - Intubator's assistant -
 - Monitoring -

If possibility of COVID,

- Full AGP PPE as per CoMET PPE guidance.
- Local COVID intubation guidelines to be followed, if available; otherwise CoMET PPE guidance to be followed

Checked by:

Signature:
Name:
Designation
Date

Parents Informed?

Ready to Proceed?