



**Queensland
Government**

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
ADULT EMERGENCY INTUBATION
CHECKLIST**

(Affix patient identification label here)

URN:

Family Name:

Given Name(s):

Date of birth:

Sex: ☐ M ☐ F

Date:

Time:

Clinician Completing Form:

NR=Not Required

PREPARATION

PERI-INTUBATION

CONTACT

☐ ED Consultant

☐ Anaesthetist

IDENTIFICATION

☐ Scribe/Timer

☐ Team Leader

☐ Airway Doctor

☐ Airway Nurse

☐ Drug Nurse/Doctor

☐ In-line Immobilisation

☐ Wardsman (2 if obese)

PRE-OXYGENATION

☐ 2 oxygen sources

☐ Nasal prongs at 15 L/min

☐ Bag-Valve-Mask

☐ BiPAP (if SpO₂ < 94%)

☐ Pre-oxygenate 3 minutes

POSITIONING

☐ Pillow (no C-spine injury)

☐ Ramp if obese

☐ Ear - sternal notch level

☐ 20' head up

AIRWAY ASSESSMENT

☐ Difficulty anticipated

IV ACCESS

☐ Free flowing IV

☐ NS on hand-pump set

SUCTION

☐ Suction on + under pillow

AIRWAY EQUIPMENT

☐ OPAs + NPAs

☐ Video laryngoscope

☐ LMA (appropriate size)

☐ 2 laryngoscopes

☐ 2 ETTs (lubed)

☐ Syringe for cuff

☐ Bougie and stylet

☐ Ties or tube holder device

SURGICAL AIRWAY PACK

☐ Scalpel+Dilator+Bougie+6.0ETT

Notified

Contacted/NR

Identify/Name

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Identify/Name

Identify/Name

Applied/NR

Identify/Name

Checked

On + Running

Checked

Required/NR

Oxygenating

Check/Trauma

Required/NR

Check

Check

No/Call Help

Check

Check

Working

Available

On + Working

Available

Checked

Checked

Available

Available

Available

Available

MONITORING

☐ ETCO₂

☐ NIBP (opposite arm to drug IV)

☐ SpO₂

☐ ECG

VENTILATOR SETTINGS

☐ Mode

☐ Tidal Volume

☐ Rate

☐ PMax

☐ FiO₂

☐ PEEP

☐ I:E Ratio

FAILED INTUBATION DRILL

☐ Emergency Algorithm (see over)

☐ Cricoid cartilage

EMERGENCY DRUGS

☐ Adrenaline in trolley

☐ Atropine in trolley

☐ Metaraminol in trolley

DOCUMENTATION

☐ Clock timer

NARCOTIC

☐ Fentanyl (3 mcg/kg)

INDUCTION AGENT/S

☐ Ketamine (Max 2mg/kg) **and/or**

☐ Propofol (Max 1mg/kg) **and/or**

☐ Midazolam (Max 0.1 mg/kg)

MUSCLE RELAXANT

☐ Rocuronium (1.2 mg/kg) **or**

☐ Suxamethonium (1.5 mg/kg)

SEDATION/PARALYSIS

☐ Propofol infusion **or**

☐ Morphine + Midazolam infusions

☐ Vecuronium

INTUBATION PROCEDURE

☐ Team ready to proceed

CHECKLIST COMPLETE

On + Reading

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Set + Checked

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Set + Checked

Reviewed

Marked

Available

Available

Available

Started

Checked/Given

Checked/NR

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Arranged/NR

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Ready

CONTACTS: ED Consultant via Switch; Anaesthetist Southport DECT 7942; Robina DECT 7047

FAILED INTUBATION DRILL Gold Coast University Hospital Emergency Department

Maximise success

Position 20-25 degree head up

Ear to sternal notch

Pre-oxygenate with **2 hands-2 thumbs down** technique

Nasal oxygen - 15 litres per min during apnoea

Induction agent and **paralytic** for all (e.g. ketamine/rocuronium)

Cricoid pressure - **unproven** benefit

Bougie routinely

Improve technique

Check **position** (ear - sternal notch)

Use **bimanual** technique (external laryngeal manipulation)

Increase **head elevation**

Rotate tube anticlockwise if hung up

Remove cricoid pressure if applied

Consider CMAC **D-blade** for anterior larynx

