

Adult Airway Checklist

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1: Preparation

Medications:

Induction:

- ☐ Ketamine
- ☐ Propofol
- ☐ Etomidate

Paralytic:

- ☐ Rocuronium
- ☐ Succinylcholine

Pressors:

- ☐ Phenylephrine
- ☐ Norepinephrine
- ☐ Epinephrine

Respiratory Equipment:

- ☐ Video Laryngoscope **ON**
- ☐ ETT **styletted**
- ☐ ETT cuff balloon **tested** & syringe **attached**
- ☐ Capnography **attached**
- ☐ BVM+PEEP with O2 flow **ON**
- ☐ Suction **ON**

Rescue Equipment:

- ☐ Bougie **ready**
- ☐ OPA/NPA **ready**
- ☐ DL, EGD, and surgical **ready**

Patient Preparation:

- ☐ Vitals **checked**
- ☐ Telemetry **ON** (+/- defib pads)
- ☐ BP cuff **cycling q2min**
- ☐ IV Fluids running **opposite** BP cuff
- ☐ 2nd IV in place & **flushed**
- ☐ Mouth Opening/Mallampati **checked**
- ☐ **Positioning Optimized**
(Bed tilt, Ramp, Occipital raise)
- ☐ **Dual Pre-oxygenate with 100% O2**
(NP, Facemask, Optiflow, NIV, BVM)
- ☐ **Hemodynamics Optimized**
(Fluids, Pressors)

2: Pre-Intubation Pause at Bedside

Risk Assessment:

- ☐ Anatomically difficult airway?
- ☐ Physiologically difficult airway?
- ☐ Risk of hypotension or cardiac arrest?

***If ANY of the above,
CALL FOR BACKUP***

Plan:

- ☐ Pre-oxygenation
- ☐ Meds & Doses
- ☐ Passive apneic-oxygenation
- ☐ Airway Plan A, B, C
- ☐ Threshold to abort attempt

Discuss:

- ☐ Questions?
- ☐ Concerns?

READY TO INTUBATE

3: Post-Intubation

Airway Management:

- ☐ Inflate ETT cuff
- ☐ Confirm EtCO2 waveform
- ☐ Bilateral Breath Sounds
- ☐ Secure tube
- ☐ Connect ETT to Ventilator
- ☐ Specify Ventilator Settings
(Standard, Lung Protective, Obstructive)
- ☐ OG Tube insertion
- ☐ CXR Confirmation

Patient Management:

- ☐ Repeat Vital Signs
- ☐ Hypotension?
(Norepinephrine, Phenylephrine)
- ☐ Sedation
(Propofol, Ketamine)
- ☐ Specify RASS Target