

# Rapid Sequence Induction Checklist

## PATIENT

### Airway Assessment

- Identify cricothyroid membrane
- Previous anaesthetic problems?

### Position Patient

- 25° to 30° head up
- "Sniffing" position

### 2 x IV access/IO access

Flushed and working

### Preoxygenation

- At least 15 lit Oxygen for >3mins
- Consider CPAP/NIV
- Nasal O2

### Optimise Physiology and Positioning

- Fluids/vasopressors/inotropes
- Aspirate NG

## TEAM

### Doctor 1

Team Leader  
Drug administrator

### Doctor 2

Airway

### Assistant 1

Passes equipment

### Assistant 2

Cricoid /MILS

### Assistant 3

C-spine Control

### Who will perform FONA if needed?

## EQUIPMENT (SOAP ME)

### Suction

### Oxygen

- BVM, 15L/min
- PEEP Valve
- Alternate O<sub>2</sub> source attached

### Airway

- Laryngoscopes x 2
- ETT x 2
- Bougie/stylet
- OPA
- 20ml syringe, tube tie
- Filter, catheter mount

### Pharmacological Agents

- Induction – opiate, induction agent, paralytic
- Emergency Drugs – atropine, vasopressor
- Ongoing anaesthesia
- Fluids Attached

### Monitoring

- SpO<sub>2</sub>, ETCO<sub>2</sub>, NIBP, ECG (read out observation)

### Emergency

- Rescue airway trolley

## PLAN

### Airway Plan

#### 1. Plan A

Drugs, tube size, dose & volume, laryngoscopy (direct/indirect)

#### 2. Plan B/C

Supraglottic airway  
Face mask

#### 3. Plan D

FONA  
Scalpel-bougie-tube

Does anyone have any questions or concerns?

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient ID Label

**Indication for RSI:**

- Inability to maintain airway patency
- Inability to protect the airway against aspiration
- Failure to oxygenate or ventilate
- Anticipated deteriorating clinical course

**Airway Doctor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Drugs Doctor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Airway Assistant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cricoid/MILS (if required):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tracheal Intubation Successful?**  YES  NO **Laryngoscopy Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attempt Number:**  1  2  3  Other (document in patient record)

- Any adverse events?**
- Desaturation <85% at any point
  - Hypotension (SBP <90 mmHg)
  - Aspiration of gastric contents
  - Failure to intubate (please document events in patient record if occurs)
  - Unrecognised oesophageal intubation
  - Other (please document events in patient record)

**Tube secured at:** \_\_\_\_\_ cm at lips **Post intubation CXR:**

Drug	Dose

\*please ensure drugs are prescribed on the medicines kardex\*