

Intubation Checklist: critically ill adults – to be done with whole team present. The Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine





Prepare the patient	Prepare the equipment	Prepare the team	Prepare for difficulty
☐ Reliable IV / IO access ☐ Optimise position ☐ Sit-up? ☐ Mattress hard	□ Apply monitors □ SpO₂/ waveform ETCO₂/ ECG / BP □ Check equipment	☐ Allocate roles One person may have more than one role. ☐ Team Leader ☐ 1 st Intubator	□ Can we wake the patient if intubation fails?□ Verbalise "Airway Plan is:"
□ Airway assessment □ Identify cricothyroid membrane □ Awake intubation option? □ Optimal preoxygenation □ 3 mins or ETO ₂ > 85% □ Consider CPAP / NIV □ Nasal O ₂	□ Tracheal tubes x 2 - cuffs checked □ Direct laryngoscopes x 2 □ Videolaryngoscope □ Bougie / stylet □ Working suction □ Supraglottic airways □ Guedel / nasal airways □ Flexible scope / Aintree □ FONA set	□ 2 nd Intubator □ Cricoid force □ Intubator's assistant □ Drugs □ Monitoring patient □ Runner □ MILS (if indicated) □ Who will perform FONA? □ Who do we call for	□ Plan A: Drugs & laryngoscopy □ Plan B/C: Supraglottic airway Face-mask Fibreoptic intubation via supraglottic airway □ Plan D: FONA Scalpel-bougie-tube
☐ Optimise patient state ☐ Fluid / pressor/ inotrope ☐ Aspirate NG tube ☐ Delayed sequence induction ☐ Allergies? ☐ ↑ Potassium risk? - avoid suxamethonium	☐ Check drugs ☐ Consider ketamine ☐ Relaxant ☐ Pressor / inotrope ☐ Maintenance sedation	help? Who is noting the time?	Does anyone have questions or concerns?