

Airway Checklist

Indication: Recommended for use with every endotracheal intubation.

The use of airway checklists have been demonstrated to improve intubation success rates.

PERSONNEL

- Airway Paramedic
- Airway Assistant

PATIENT

POSITIONING

- Moved away from walls and furniture
- Placed into sniffing position and/or ramped
If c-spine precautions: dedicated assistant for immobilization

PHYSIOLOGY

- Preoxygenate patient with 100% O₂ and positive pressure

MONITORING

- Blood pressure (set to cycle every 3 minutes)
- SpO₂
- ECG
- EtCO₂

EQUIPMENT

- Waveform capnography
- BVM with O₂ flowing
- Suction
- Bougie
- Rescue device (e.g. EGD)
- Endotracheal tube (+1 size smaller)
- Laryngoscope
- 10mL Syringe
- IV/IO access

FINAL PLAN

- Verbalize primary intubation plan
- Verbalize backup / failure plan
- Elicit questions or concerns