

Airway Doctor

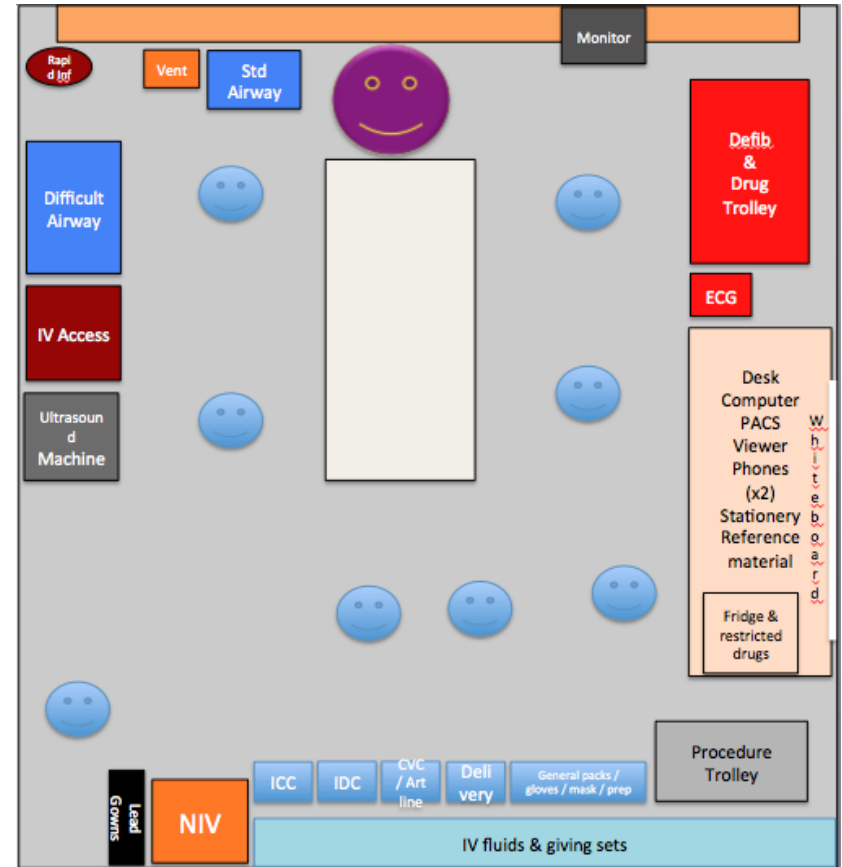
Airway Competent Doctor

Preparation

- Self (Personal Protective Equipment appropriate for patient presentation)
- Liaise with airway nurse and ensure equipment is prepared
- Standard airway equipment
- Difficult airway trolley
- Ventilator, NIV, ETCO₂, paediatric equipment as required

Role – Assessment and management of Airway & Ventilation

- Control the head, neck and airway equipment in transfer of the patient
- Communicate with the patient where possible
- Rapidly assess the airway and decide on best intervention
- Communicate immediate findings to the Team Leader
- Where intubation is required ensure
 - Prepare optimally – ideally pre-intubation checklist followed
 - Staff aware of intubation plan and plan to follow if difficulty
 - Allocate staff for inline stabilisation / laryngeal manipulation if needed
 - Proceed when directed by Team Leader
- Ensure airway secure and confirmed
 - ETT seen to pass through cords
 - ETCO₂ trace confirms position
 - Bilateral air entry present
- Ensure ventilator settings optimised
- Ensure oxygenation and ventilation optimised (usually with ABGs)
- If indicated insert orogastric or nasogastric tube
- Order and check CXR to confirm appropriate positioning of ETT and NG tube
- Ensure documentation of airway assessment and management
- Liaise with Team Leader about standing down if there are no airway issues



Position in Resus Room