## Roles of the Resuscitation Team Airway Nurse

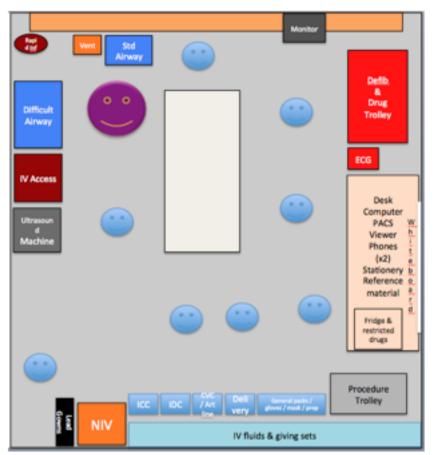
## **HALS Competent Nurse**

## Preparation

- Self (Personal Protective Equipment appropriate for patient presentation)
- · Liaise with airway doctor
  - · discuss intubation plan
  - ensure equipment is prepared
- · Oxygen, suction, bag and masks, guedels and nasopharyngeal airways
- · Standard airway equipment
  - · Check laryngoscope bulbs and batteries / CMAC
  - Check ETT cuff has no leak
- · Difficult airway trolley
- · Ventilator, NIV, ETCO2, paediatric equipment as required

## Role – Assist in Airway Management and Ventilation Optimisation

- · Assist in transfer of the patient
- · Communicate with the airway doctor
- · Attach oxygen, ready NIV if required
- · Where intubation is required ensure
  - · Prepare optimally ideally pre-intubation checklist followed
  - · You are aware of intubation plan and plan to follow if difficulty
  - · Proceed when team is ready
  - Anticipate and assist as required suction, bougie, LMA, difficult airway equipment...
- When ETT is in, attach bag and mask ensuring filter / ETCO<sub>2</sub> in line
- · Confirm ETCO2 trace with airway doctor
- Inflate the ETT cuff
- · Secure the ETT (tie or tape)
- · Check, confirm and call out ventilator settings to scribe
- · Check and document ETT cuff pressure
- · Ideally follow post-intubation checklist
- · If NG or OG tube is placed aspirate and confirm acidic stomach content
- · Problem solve with airway doctor if there are ongoing issues
- Liaise with Nurse Resus Team Leader about standing down if there are no airway issues



Position in Resus Room