

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 / ETCO₂ 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