

SCGH COVID 19 Intubation Checklist for Theatre

PREPARATION

Don PPE, **double glove, buddy check**

Establish team roles

Most experienced intubator

Minimise staff in theatre

Runner in anaesthetic room

Discuss Airway plan ⇒ Videolaryngoscope

Avoid Awake Fibreoptic/ THRIVE if possible

Assemble COVID 19 intubation tray

Remember in-line closed suction

Equipment check

Draw up all Intubating & Emergency Drugs

Keep clean drug trolley in anaesthetic room

Ensure emergency equipment accessible to runner

INDUCTION

Preoxygenate with good seal

Communicate airway plan

RSI preferable and avoid mask ventilation if possible

Otherwise, use small tidal volumes & 2 hands

Muscle relaxant, adequate dose to avoid coughing

Use videolaryngoscope – indirect view

Care to insert at correct depth first time

Inflate cuff prior to ventilation

Avoid auscultation if possible

Minimise disconnections to circuit

If disconnecting circuit – do this proximal to filter

If extubating, use protective bag over face mask

Prior to leaving theatre slow & careful removal of PPE,

buddy check