

Emergency Department Post-Intubation Checklist

AIRWAY & ETT CARE

	Continuous	ETCO ₂
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Normal trace Amplitude rising Amplitude Appropriate or consistent >7.5mmHg reading

☐ ETT depth checked

~22cm female adult

~24cm male adult

Check cuff pressure 20-30cm H₂0

☐ ETT secured

Tie unless raised ICP - then tape

☐ OGT / NGT inserted

And stomach aspirated

☐ Eye care initiated



BREATHING & VENTILATOR

☐ Check ventilator settings

ModeTidal volumeRRI:E ratioPEEPPressure supportFiO₂P_{max}

☐ Order and check CXR

ETT / NGT / OGT position adequate

☐ Check ABGs

Adjust ventilator settings as per serial ABGs

☐ Head of bed to 30° up

Oral suction and decontamination

CIRCULATION & FLUID BALANCE

☐ Check IV access Arterial line Consider CVC

☐ Chart IV fluid and/or blood products

☐ Chart vasopressors/inotropes and target parameters

☐IDC (unless contraindicated)

DISABILITY, EXPOSURE & OTHER

☐ Adequate analgesia, sedation +/- paralysis

Temperature optimisation - minimise exposure

□ Specific treatments commenced - antibiotics, charcoal, etc

□ Documentation complete

Clinical notes Procedures Drugs Infusions

Airway Registry

☐Family / NOK aware

Checklist complete -> Prepare for transfer