

TEAM BRIEF FOR INTUBATING COVID-19 PATIENT

SAY: 'THIS IS AN AEROSOL GENERATING PROCEDURE. THIS CHECKLIST IS DESIGNED TO KEEP US ALL SAFE. DOES EVERYONE UNDERSTAND?'

CLEAN SPACE CHECK PRIOR TO ENTERING

- Communication check with nurse in room
- Name check
- Assign roles (see box)
- Drugs (see box)
- Review intubation plan
- Review resuscitation status
- Confirm patent IV access (Nurse 1)
- Check pockets empty
- Trust guidelines PPE + name sticker
- Nurse 1 to set up ventilator using guide
- Runner to collect further items (see dotted box on trolley checklist)
- Difficult airway trolley in green zone

ROLES

- DOCTOR 1 - Primary intubator
- DOCTOR 2 - Secondary intubator
- NURSE 1 - Assistant inside
- NURSE 2 - Should be ready in full PPE in green zone
- RUNNER - in green zone

DRUGS

- Induction agent
- Rocuronium
- Metaraminol
- Ephedrine
- Atropine
- Glycopyrrolate
- 50ml 2% Propofol
- Remifentanil 2mg in 40mls 5% Dex
- 8/50 Noradrenaline
- Adrenaline minijet
- N.Saline flushes
- 1L Hartmanns
- Consider anaesthetics drug box

RSI CONSIDERATIONS

- Avoid bagging if possible
- Consider 2 handed pre-oxygenation
- Use video-laryngoscope
- Consider not using cricoid
- Pre-load syringe on pilot balloon
- Do not ventilate until cuff up
- Clamp tube and put ventilator on standby before any disconnection
- No acute bronchoscopy
- Keep face away from mouth

SIGN OUT:

Remember:

- ABG and optimised ventilation
- NG tube
- CVC + A-line + catheter
- X-ray
- Physical examination/exposure
- Arrange transfer to ICU if necessary (bleep #0199 WRH, #0208 AGH)
- Now remove PPE as per 'doffing' guidelines