

Time Out for Intubation

Pre-Time Out: Right patient, right procedure, right equipment - then proceed into the room

1. **Ensure healthcare staff is in appropriate PPE.**
 - Recommend respiratory PPE with N95 mask with goggles or PAPR
2. **Establish IV access, set up monitor and EtCO₂.**
 - Obtain full set of vitals
3. **Ready Video Laryngoscopy. Position bed in room.**
 - Plug-in cables
 - Turn on scope and test
 - If no VL, set up bed for better team visualization
 - Make sure you have a HEPA filter for use with positive pressure ventilation
4. **Preoxygenation and suction set up.**
 - Preoxygenate with oxymask or nonrebreather for 3-5 minutes. You still should place patient on 6L nasal cannula for passive oxygenation. Nasal cannula should be left on during intubation attempts.
 - Try to eliminate use of manual bagging, Bi-PAP and high flow oxygen in order to prevent viral spread.
5. **Back-up devices tested and available.**
 - Direct laryngoscope tested
 - Extraglottic (LMA, iGel, Kingtube) available
 - Bougie at bedside
6. **Obtain 2 sizes of ET tubes with appropriate stylet.**
 - Rigid stylet if using Glidescope
 - Syringe on ET tube – recommend immediate endotracheal tube cuff inflation before PPV
7. **RSI medications discussed and drawn up.**
 - Sedative: Etomidate (0.3 mg/kg) or Ketamine (1.5 mg/kg)
 - Ideal Body Weight dosing; consider lower dose if poor hemodynamics or obese
 - Paralytic: Succinylcholine (1.5 mg/kg) or Rocuronium (1 mg/kg)
 - Total Body Weight dosing; consider contraindications for succinylcholine
8. **Tube holder, HEPA filter and colormetric EtCO₂ at bedside.**
9. **Roles discussed and clear.**
10. **Current set of vitals given.**

Special Notes:

- **Pediatrics:** obtain Broselow tape; consider atropine; check BVM pop-off valve.
- **Out of hospital arrest:** do not worry about exchanging an EGD for ET tube until patient stabilized
- Think about **post intubation sedation.**

COVID-19 Special Considerations

- After nasal cannula, advance to Salter or HFNO
- Limit BiPAP due to concern of viral spread.
- Intubate in a negative pressure room and avoid nebulization to prevent viral spread.
- Limit ventilator disconnects.
- Most experienced clinician should intubate.
- Recommend having second clinician (if available) with PPE outside of the room for immediate assistance.
- Limit to a 3-person intubation team when possible (RN, RT and Intubator) to reduce personnel exposure.
- Place soiled equipment in double sealed biohazard bags.
- Proper coached doffing procedure with hand hygiene needs to be performed to limit contamination.