

# Difficult Airway Pathway

**Right equipment.  
Right people.  
Right timing.**

Was this an anticipated difficult airway? Yes/No  
Why was the cart opened?  
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Patient Label

MD/RT : \_\_\_\_\_  
Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

## Plan A

### BVM + Tracheal Intubation

- Direct laryngoscopy
- Glidescope
- Bougie
- Primary bronc

Number of attempts with Plan A device: \_\_\_\_\_

Laryngoscopy  
(Direct or video)

Success

- Endotracheal Intubation
- ET CO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring

Declare Failed intubation

## Plan B

### Maintain Oxygenation Place SAD

- Ambu Aura
- Fastrach
- Secondary bronc

Number of attempts with Plan B device: \_\_\_\_\_

Supraglottic  
Airway Device  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Generation)

Success

### STOP & THINK

- Is a definitive airway needed immediately?
- Intubate via SAD
- Fibre optic intubation
- Expert help
- Cricothyroidotomy
- Tracheostomy

Declare Failed SAD Ventilation

## Plan C

### Final Oxygenation/Ventilation Attempt +/- Paralysis (Declare CICO)

- Succinylcholine
- Rocuronium

Number of attempts with Plan C device: \_\_\_\_\_

2 Person  
Paralysis &  
Adjuncts

Success

- Transverse incision
- Rotate 90°
- Bougie in trachea
- Railroad 6.0 ETT

Declare CICO  
Keep 100% O<sub>2</sub>

## Plan D

### Rescue-Front of Neck Access

- Surgical Tracheotomy Tray
- Cricothyrotomy Kit
- Open Cricothyrotomy Bag
- Jet Ventilation

Number of attempts with Plan D device: \_\_\_\_\_

Cricothyrotomy  
Scalpel/Bougie/ETT

Referral (\_\_\_\_\_)

Was a definitive airway secured? Yes / No  
Other notes: