GSA HEMS / Medical Retrieval
COVID-19 Emergency Anaesthesia Checklist
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START PreOx taking place review Intubation Sequence

AIRWAY PLAN

- Confirm paralysis
- BVM/circuit place to face away from team
- CMAC VL -> bougie -> ETT
- Bougie out (secretion control with gauze)
- Cuff up (under vision)
- Connect Circuit to ETT
- Confirm HME filter present
- Ventilate under vision (check cuff seal)
- CMAC out (secretion control) - to dirty space
- (If reoxygenation required consider iGel before gentle BMV)

Airway Plan Verbalised……	Check
Roles allocated – Red Team, Orange, Others ……	Check
PPE (buddy check)……	Check
Orange role and emergency brief complete……	Check
Retrieval Ventilator set up and checked ……	Check
Drugs and Doses…..RSI, ongoing infusions, Vasopressors……	Check
Circuit: catheter mount, HME filter,capnograph- push and twist……	Check
OPA……	Check
Laryngoscope - CMAC light, screen to operator, recording……	Check
Tube (checked and lubed) , Syringe, Tube tie……	Check
Bougie chosen and shaped, gauze and clamp available……	Check
iGel (hot zone) and Cric Set identified (cold zone) ……	Check
PreOx – two handed tight seal, BVM inflating (O_2 flow 10lpm), PEEP……	Check
Monitor applied (ECG, Bp, SpO2, waveform CO2)……	Check
Haemodynamics optimized – fluid/vasopressors?……	Check
Optimal position: Head up 45 degrees, Ramped (ear-sternal notch)……	Check
Wall Suction tested (avoid portable)……	Check
Fluid runs easily, NIBP cuff other limb, Second access……	Check
PPE (buddy check)……	Check

"CHECKS COMPLETE. ANAESTHETISING AT —/--"

Post Intubation

- Ensure no cuff leak
- Consider In-Line suction and OG tube
- BE AWARE IF HME REMOVED THAT VENTILATOR PAUSE/TUBE CLAMPED
- Clean and double bag the CMAC - do not throw away