

## Failed intubation

GLOBAL MARK			
CLEAR PASS	BORDERLINE PASS	BORDERLINE FAIL	FAIL

### Criteria

Introduces Self, confirms patient identify, Washes hands,	2, 1
PPE	1
Confirms team competencies	1
Asks for handover	
Checks appropriate help is enroute Potentially can ask for someone to declare anaesthetic emergency call to Resus.	
Takes Control, states that they are in charge	
Asks for advanced airway trolley, Difficult intubation equipment	
Ascertains what has already been tried Bougie, BURP, McCoy, Video Laryngoscope, Optimised position	
Asks the anaesthetist if they think this is a failed intubation	
Asks the anaesthetist to stop trying to site the ET tube	
Tells the anaesthetist that THIS IS a failed intubation	
Tells the anaesthetist to site a supraglottic device	
Refuses to allow the anaesthetist to have 'one more go'	
Makes reference to DAS guidelines	
Tells the anaesthetist that the supraglottic device is not working and to change to facemask ventilation	
Considers options Verbalises to team can we wake up patient?	
Makes decision to proceed to Scalpel Cricothyroidotomy	
Performs (or anaesthetist performs) procedure Scalpel, Bougie, Tube (6mm cuffed). Transverse stab through cricothyroid, turns blade 90 degrees, inserts bougie, railroads tube, inflates cuff, confirms position with EtCO2.	
Arranges appropriate disposition	
Wants to complete airway alert form	
Explains will need to talk to patient in person and give letter to patient	
Write to GP and inform local database	
Thanks team	
Offers to debrief everyone, and anesthetist in private	

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