INTUBATION CHECKLIST

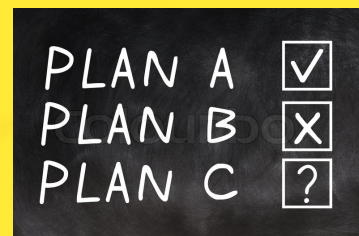Dr Pushpa Nettle and Dr Matt Nettle
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■ "Everyone please go to your stations and prepare as we have just discussed"

Wait 1 minute to let everyone get ready

■ "I will ask for call-response closed loop communication, so can you respond to all requests called out during this intubation please."

■ "Is everyone ready for a pre-intubation in-room check?"

■ "Let's run through our in-room pre-intubation checklist"

☐ **S**uction -> "Do we have two working suctions and in-line suction set up?"

☐ **P**ositioning -> "Have we got the patient at 45 degrees and we know how to flatten the bed?"

☐ **E**quipment for intubation -> "Do we have a working Mcgrath video larygoscope?"
　　☐ "Is ETT, bougie/stylet, 10 mL syringe and ties ready?"
　　☐ "Is the cradle and sheet in place?"

☐ **E**nd-tidal CO2 -> "Is there EtCO2 on BVM and vent set up, including being plugged to power?"
　　☐ "Are there viral filters on both and in the right position?"

☐ **D**rugs and access -> "Do we have two working lines and checked running ok, and
fluid hanging ready to start when we commence intubation?"
　　☐ "Drug team confirm what drugs and doses are you going to give for induction and paralysis as
　　　　discussed outside."

☐ **B**ack up airway -> "Do we have LMA and FONA ready?"
　　☐ "Do we have appropriately sizes oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal airways ready?"

☐ **O**xygen -> "Can we have oxygen connected to BVM apparatus, and stop oxygen to non-rebreather."
　　☐ "Swap over to BVM with two hands for a tight seal please. Don't ventilate (bag) please."
　　☐ "Do we have a good seal and square EtCO2 trace?"

☐ **M**onitoring -> "Do we have ECG, BP set to automate BP recording every 5 mins, O2 sats?"

☐ **B**riefing -> "Plan A . . . . Modified as necessary.
Eg. "Plan A is videolaryngoscopy with Doctor ("X") with bougie. If that is not successful, please declare
"failed intubation" and come out and we will oxgenate with two person two hand tight seal BVM and
ventilate only if sats < 90 %. We will then go to PLAN B . . . . ."

■ "Let's now go ahead and commence intubation"

- - Script as a guide - -

☐ "Start fluids running, and administer induction and paralysis drugs and note time given."

☐ "Maintain that good two handed grip and wait 45 seconds to one minute everyone."

☐ "Patient is now apnoeic. Please place all used equipment under the plastic cover on the bed when intubating. With straight arms as much as possible to avoid close contact with the patient, please intubate now and declare when successful, or failed intubation."

☐ "Confirm intubation and the depth please. DO NOT ! Ventilate until cuff is up."

☐ "Once bougie is out, please pinch or clamp the tube"

☐ "Inflate cuff and connect to the ventilator please, not the BVM."

☐ "Commence ventilation after unclamping the tube."

☐ "Let's confirm placement with EtCO2. Trace looks good"

☐ "Please insert a NGT/orogastric tube."

☐ "Now let's move on to post-intubation cares."