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1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To provide guidelines for endotracheal intubation.

2. DEFINITIONS:

- 2.1 **Endotracheal Intubation** – Insertion of a tube into the trachea either orally or nasally.
- 2.2 **Laryngoscope** – a hollow tube equipped with electrical lighting, used to examine or operate upon the interior of the larynx through oral cavity.
- 2.3 **Endotracheal Tube** – a tube that inserted into the trachea through the mouth or nose in order to maintain an open air passage or to deliver oxygen or to permit the suctioning of mucus or to prevent aspiration of the stomach contents.

3. POLICY:

- 3.1 Endotracheal intubation that requires pre – anesthetic medication, only done by anesthetist.
- 3.2 All steps are performed by qualified MICU physician/Anesthesia physician who has clinical privileges.
- 3.3 A qualified nurse/Respiratory therapist helps the operator in preparing the equipment and positioning of the patient.
- 3.4 All personnel performing endotracheal intubation shall examine the patient and the equipment themselves. Crash Cart with defibrillator must be readily available at patient bed side before intubation.

4. PROCEDURE:

- 4.1 Explain the procedure and obtain written informed consent for the procedure from the patient or the patient's delegate / family except in emergency/life – saving endotracheal intubation consent is not needed.
- 4.2 Assemble for continuous monitoring: ECG, BP cuff, pulse oxymeter.
- 4.3 Arrange and assess for equipment – laryngoscope and light, endotracheal tube (ETT), ETT cuff for leak, stylet, oral, and nasopharyngeal airways, Ambu bag with mask, humidified O2 delivery system and suction catheters with set-up.
- 4.4 Endotracheal tube size 7.0 to 8.0mm ID as per patient weight
- 4.5 Assess patency of airways.
- 4.6 Make position: patient should be lying in “morning sniffing” position.
- 4.7 Give sedatives and analgesic agent and assess for the effect.
- 4.8 Oxygenate well with Ambu bag ventilation.
- 4.9 Intubate the patient with endotracheal tube.
- 4.10 Perform lung and abdominal auscultation post-intubation.
- 4.11 Order chest x-ray (CXR) establish by x-ray that ETT tip level should be 2-3 cm above carina level.
- 4.12 Write the procedure note and document the result and findings in patient medical record.
- 4.13 Arterial Blood Gas.

5. MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT:

- 5.1 Crash cart with Defibrillator
- 5.2 Laryngoscope and light
- 5.3 Endotracheal Tubes (ETT) of various size with Stylet
- 5.4 Oral and nasopharyngeal airways
- 5.5 Ambu bag with mask
- 5.6 Humidified O₂ delivery system
- 5.7 Suction Catheters

6. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 6.1 Physician
- 6.2 Nurse
- 6.3 Respiratory Therapist



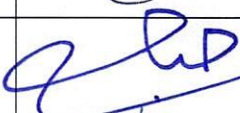

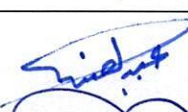


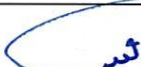
7. APPENDICES:

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8. REFERENCES:

- 8.1 Guidelines for Adult ICU Care/ Ministry of Health, General Directorate of Health Centers- Riyadh, 2013

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