Difficult intubation Scenario 4

Aims

- Putting into practice an RSI, difficult airway and can't intubate/ can't ventilate situation
- Human factors
- Practical issues

Faculty Brief

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PMH - Generally fit and well

Medication - Nil

Allergies - Nil

Patients saturations will deteriorate during any attempt at intubation

Patients saturations will respond to BVM by FM and with LMA

The scenario will end when the patient is oxygenated with an LMA and a plan formed as to what to do next

Please ensure the candidates are aware of the aims at the beginning of each session. The feedback should focus on the human factors

Further information

- A Maintained
- B RR 32, SAO₂ 90%, Oxygen at 15Litres on non-rebreathe, wide spread bibasal crackles
- C HR 110 NSR. B/P 120/90. IV ACCESS AND ART LINE PRESENT.
- D BM 5.2. PEARL. PATIENT RESPONDING TO VOICE BUT PAUSE EVIDENT BEFORE RESPONSE
- E NIL OF NOTE

SAMI

| | Initial | During preoxygenation | During intubation | FM/LMA with BMV |
|------|---------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Sa02 | 90-86% | 93% | <80% | 90% |
| HR | 110 | 110 | >140 | 110 |
| B/P | 120/90 | 120/90 | 100/80 | 100/80 |
| CO2 | | | | 5.5KPa |

Student Brief

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Equipment

- Sim man with iv cannula in situ
- Syringes (20ml, 10ml and 5ml)
- Needles for drawing up
- Drugs or water/ N.saline (depending on the level of fidelity of the Sim man, access to drugs and local protocol)
- ETT x2
- Bougie
- Gel
- Suction
- 10ml syringe
- Scissors
- Face mask
- Waters circuit
- Guedel airways
- Tie
- Monitoring, including capnography
- Copy of B@EASE checklist
- Copy of difficult airway algorithms
- Difficult airway trolley
- Drugs for intubation, drawn up and labelled