

Key Points

Maintain oxygenation at all times

Contact senior anaesthetic assistance for any child requiring or predicted to require airway support

Wherever possible RSI should be undertaken in resus by the most senior anaesthetist available, there should be immediate access to difficult airway equipment and ideally, support from ODP

RSI checklists including the plan for failed intubation and “can’t intubate cant ventilate” scenario should be used routinely for all ED RSI

If difficult airway is predicted and time allows, request senior ENT presence

1. Most appropriate location and staff that time allows
2. Prepare equipment, drugs and monitoring (capnography)
3. If intubation fails, maintain oxygenation
4. Call for senior support
5. In the case of difficulties follow the ‘Can’t intubate, can’t ventilate’ protocol see appendix

For detailed management protocols see Appendix 1

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