

# Obstetric GA induction checklist

## Are you **HAPPY** to continue?

**VERBAL CHECKLIST TO BE USED ONCE PRE OXYGENATION IS UNDERWAY**

Anaesthetic assistant to read out and anaesthetist to respond

Please ask theatre staff to keep noise to a minimum during checklist and induction

I	IV ACCESS	Is the IV access secure and running?
A	ANAESTHETIC DRUGS	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">What drug doses will you use?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(considering the booking weight &amp; cardiovascular status)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Alfentanil 10mcg/kg, Propofol 2-3mg/kg or Thiopentone 5mg/kg, Ketamine 2mg/kg)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Suxamethonium 1.5mg/kg, Rocuronium* 1mg/kg – allow time to work)</p>
M	MONITORING & EQUIPMENT	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">Is the monitoring on?</div> <div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">                 Consider videolaryngoscope 1<sup>st</sup> line                  1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice laryngoscope?                  Smaller ETT available? (size 7 standard)                  What is your rescue SAD airway?             </div> <div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">                 Bougie/stylet ready?                  Suction ready?             </div> </div>
H	HISTORY & HELP	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #00A0C0; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">Is there any relevant medical &amp; obstetric history?</div> <div style="background-color: #00A0C0; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">                 Is a GA still necessary?                  CTG reviewed by obstetrician?             </div> <div style="background-color: #00A0C0; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">                 Is experienced help required?                  Do they need to be present?             </div> </div>
A	AIRWAY	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #FF0000; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">                 Difficult airway risk factors present?                  (e.g. MP&gt;1, OSA, BMI&gt;30)             </div> <div style="background-color: #FF0000; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">                 If multiple risk factors, have you considered getting help &amp; reconsidered regional anaesthesia?                   Is difficult airway trolley required?             </div> </div>
P	POSITIONING & CRICOID	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">Are hair accessories removed?</div> <div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">Ramped position or on HELP pillow?</div> <div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">Is position on the HELP pillow correct?</div> <div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">                 Is cricoid pressure required +/- BURP?  <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">REMOVE/ ADJUST IF DIFFICULTY</span> </div> </div>
P	PRE OXYGENATION	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #00A0C0; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">Check oxygen 10L/min?</div> <div style="background-color: #00A0C0; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">                 Good seal &amp; ET<sub>CO2</sub> trace?                  ET<sub>O2</sub> &gt; 0.9?             </div> <div style="background-color: #00A0C0; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">                 ‘Blow some O’s up the nose’                  Nasal cannula in addition if desat risk                  (NB volatile washout)             </div> <div style="background-color: #00A0C0; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">                 FM ventilation during induction with volatile                  (max 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>O)             </div> </div>
Y	YOUR FAILED INTUBATION PLAN	In the event of a failed intubation are you going to wake the patient up or continue with surgery?

\*Rocuronium 1mg/kg needs reversal with Sugammadex – only use if prolonged surgery > 2hrs anticipated

Remember max 2 intubation attempts (3<sup>rd</sup> by experienced colleague)

REMOVE CRICOID and/ or lateral tilt if difficulty encountered