



## APPENDIX A

## TRACHEAL INTUBATION IN THE EMERGENCY UNIT –

## GRADING SCALE

(5 = definitely applicable, 4 = highly applicable, 3 = applicable, 2 = possibly applicable, 1 = not applicable)

**Encircle the most appropriate number according to your experience**

1. **Obtain and maintain an open airway** e.g. obstruction

### 1.1 Functional obstruction e.g. positioning of the patient, the tongue

5 4 3 2 1

**Comment:** .....

## 1.2 Mechanical obstruction

### 1.2.1 Intrinsic factors e.g. oedema, haematoma, infection, tumour

5 4 3 2 1

**Comment:** .....

### 1.2.2 Extrinsic factors e.g. foreign body, applied cricoid pressure

5 4 3 2 1

**Comment:** .....

2. Protect the airway in inadequate protective reflexes e.g. low GCS

5 4 3 2 1

**Comment:** .....

**3. Correct inadequate oxygenation and/or ventilation = respiratory failure**

### 3.1 Hypoxemia: PaO<sub>2</sub> < 60mmHg on 40% oxygen

5 4 3 2 1

**Comment:** .....

### 3.2 Hypoxemia: Saturation < 90% on 40% oxygen

5 4 3 2 1

**Comment:** .....

### 3.3 Hypercarbia: PaCO<sub>2</sub> > 60 mmHg

5 4 3 2 1

**Comment:** .....

### 3.4 **Hypercarbia:** Diminished level of consciousness with inadequate respiratory effort

5 4 3 2 1

Comment: .....

#### 4 Predicted clinical course

4.1 **Presenting condition:** List the possible clinical conditions which predictably should be intubated

(give each a value out of 5 as above): ..... 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5



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