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A review of indications for endotracheal intubation in a private emergency centre in Pretoria

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APPENDIX B

INDICATIONS FOR TRACHEAL INTUBATION IN THE ED AS PER CONSENSUS DOCUMENT

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

1.1 Mechanical obstruction

1.1.1 Intrinsic factors e.g. oedema, haematoma, infection, tumour

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

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

Hypoxemia: PaO2 < 60mmHg on **highest FIO2 mask possible with equipment available**

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Hypercarbia: PaCO2 > 60 mmHg

Hypercarbia: Diminished level of consciousness with inadequate respiratory effort

4. Predicted clinical course

4.1 Presenting condition: E. g. Facial trauma/fractures, inhalation burns etc

4.2 Potential for deterioration: Continued swelling or bleeding causing possible obstruction, tiring causing respiratory failure, continued reducing in GCS causing inadequate protective reflexes,

4.3 Transport to another facility/hospital depending on condition, distance, time: