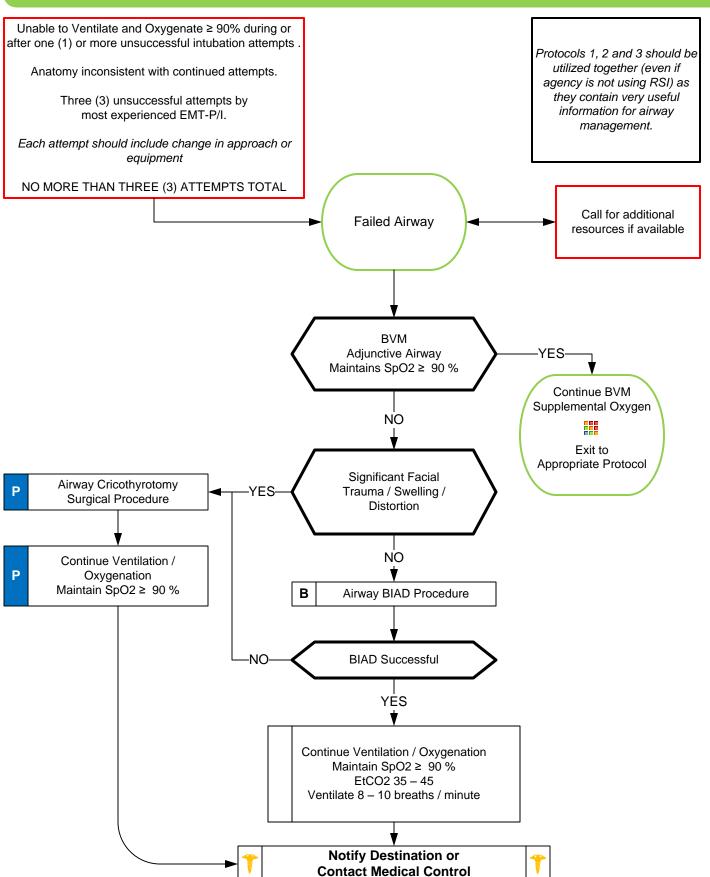


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Pearls

- If first intubation attempt fails, make an adjustment and then consider:
 - Different laryngoscope blade / Video or other optical laryngoscopy devices
 - Gum Elastic Bougie
 - Different ETT size
 - Change cricoid pressure. Cricoid pressure no longer routinely recommended and may worsen view.
 - Apply BURP maneuver (Push trachea Back [posterior], Up, and to patient's Right)
 - Change head positioning
- Continuous pulse oximetry should be utilized in all patients with an inadequate respiratory function.
- Continuous EtCO2 should be applied to all patients with respiratory failure or to all patients with advanced airways.
- Notify Medical Control AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE about the patient's difficult / failed airway.