



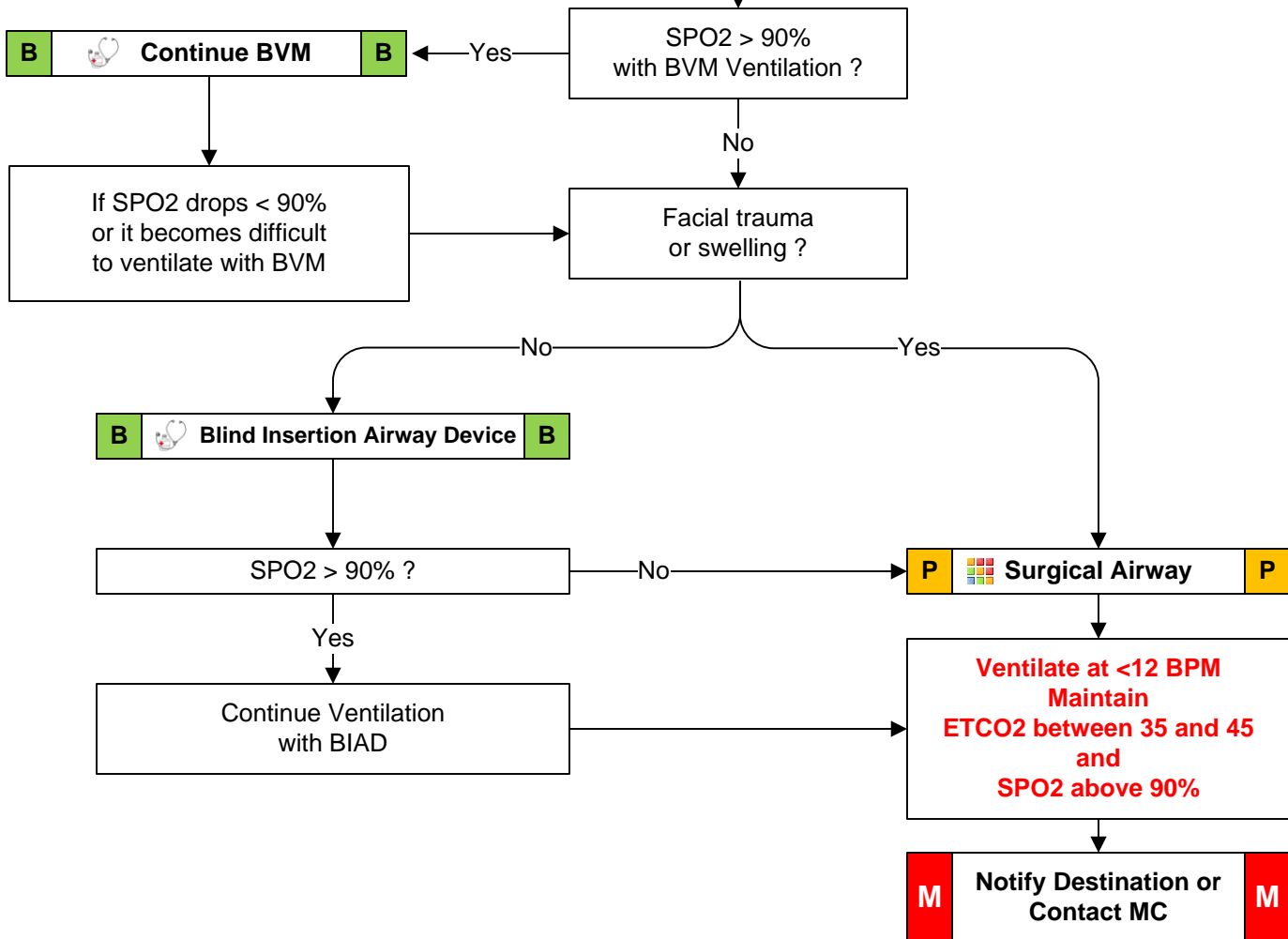
Airway, Adult-Failed



Legend		
	MR	
B	EMT	B
I	EMT- I	I
P	EMT- P	P
M	Medical Control	M

Two (2) failed intubation attempts by most proficient technician on scene or anatomy inconsistent with intubation attempts.

NO MORE THAN THREE (3) ATTEMPTS TOTAL



General Protocols

Pearls

- If first intubation attempt fails, make an adjustment and then consider:
 - Different laryngoscope blade
 - Gum Elastic Bougie
 - Different ETT size
 - Change cricoid pressure
 - 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.