Assess need for airway management
Start basic and work up.
It is permissible to “leap-frog” steps if, in your clinical judgement, the patient’s condition warrants this.

**Decreased level of consciousness ~ breathing ~**

- **ICP** Basic airway manoeuvres – posture, suction, oral airway, nasopharyngeal airway
- **ICP** Consider LMA
- **ICP** Mild sedation to permit basic airway management (midazolam)

**Decreased level of consciousness ~ not breathing ~**

- **ICP** Basic airway manoeuvres – posture, suction, oral airway, nasopharyngeal airway
- **ICP** LMA preferred
- **ICP** Mild sedation to permit basic airway management (midazolam)

**THE PRIMARY GOALS OF AIRWAY MANAGEMENT ARE:**

1. **OXYGENATION**
2. **VENTILATION**
3. **AIRWAY PROTECTION**

in this order of priority

**Assess need to intubate**

- **ICP** Refer to Intubation Algorithm (CMG 3b)
- **ICP** “Cold” endotracheal intubation (cardiac arrest only)
- **ICP** Rapid sequence intubation (adult only) (CMG 3a)

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