

CMG 3 – AIRWAY MANAGEMENT

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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	AP
ICP	Consider LMA	AP
ICP	Mild sedation to permit <u>basic</u> airway management (midazolam)	

THE PRIMARY GOALS OF AIRWAY MANAGEMENT ARE:

1. OXYGENATION
2. VENTILATION
3. AIRWAY PROTECTION

in this order of priority

Decreased level of consciousness ~ not breathing ~

ICP	Basic airway manoeuvres – posture, suction, oral airway, nasopharyngeal airway	AP
ICP	LMA preferred	AP
ICP	Mild sedation to permit <u>basic</u> airway management (midazolam)	

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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