

# COVID-19 Obstetric GA Checklist: INSIDE THEATRE

(Anaesthetic assistant to read aloud. Anaesthetist to respond)

## Prepare the patient

- WHO Sign-In (abbreviated red 'emergency sign-in' for urgent cases)
- CLEAR THEATRE OF STAFF WITHOUT FFP3 MASKS**
- Don outer non-sterile gloves
- Pre-oxygenate with tight-fitting mask
- Is GA needed?:
  - Intrauterine resuscitation done?
  - CTG reviewed?
- Airway assessed?
- Citrate given?
- IV access checked?
- Suction ready?
- Monitoring:
  - Capnography?
  - Saturations?
  - ECG?
  - Blood pressure?
- Any relevant medical or obstetric history?
- Positioning:
  - Ramped?
  - Left tilt?
- Extra help:
  - Who to call?
  - How to call them?
  - Are they needed now?

## Airway procedure

- Confirm roles:
  - Team leader?
  - Intubator?
  - Drug administrator?
  - Cricoid pressure?
  - Bag-squeezer (if bagging required)
- This is the COVID airway plan:**
  - Plan A:
    - CMAC (use screen)
    - 2-person bagging (only if bagging needed)
    - Intubate using bougie
    - Inflate cuff
    - Attach ET tube to ventilator
    - Turn ventilator on
    - Confirm CO<sub>2</sub>
    - Cricoid off
    - Fix tube
  - Plan B & C (in bag in anaesthetic room)
    - i-Gel
    - 2-person facemask with Guedel airway
  - Plan D (in bag in anaesthetic room)
    - FONA (front of neck access)
- Wake vs Proceed plan considered?
- PROCEED WITH AIRWAY PROCEDURE, AND CONFIRM AIRWAY IS SECURED**

## Post-procedure & safety

- Change outer (non-sterile) gloves
- Minimise disconnections
- Disconnection procedure (read out):**
  - Theatre clear of staff without FFP3 masks?
  - Don outer (non-sterile) gloves
  - Woman well paralysed?
  - Stop ventilation
  - Clamp ETT
  - Disconnect ETT
  - Reconnection:** reconnect when ready, unclamp ETT, restart ventilator, change outer gloves
- Extubation checklist (read out):**
  - WHO Sign-Out completed?
  - Transfer woman onto bed (consider rocuronium ± disconnect clamped ETT)
  - Is theatre cleared of non-essential staff?
  - Is reversal adequate?
  - Don outer (non-sterile) gloves
  - Inco sheet onto woman's chest
  - EXTUBATE (aim to minimise coughing and contamination)**
  - Change outer (non-sterile) gloves