

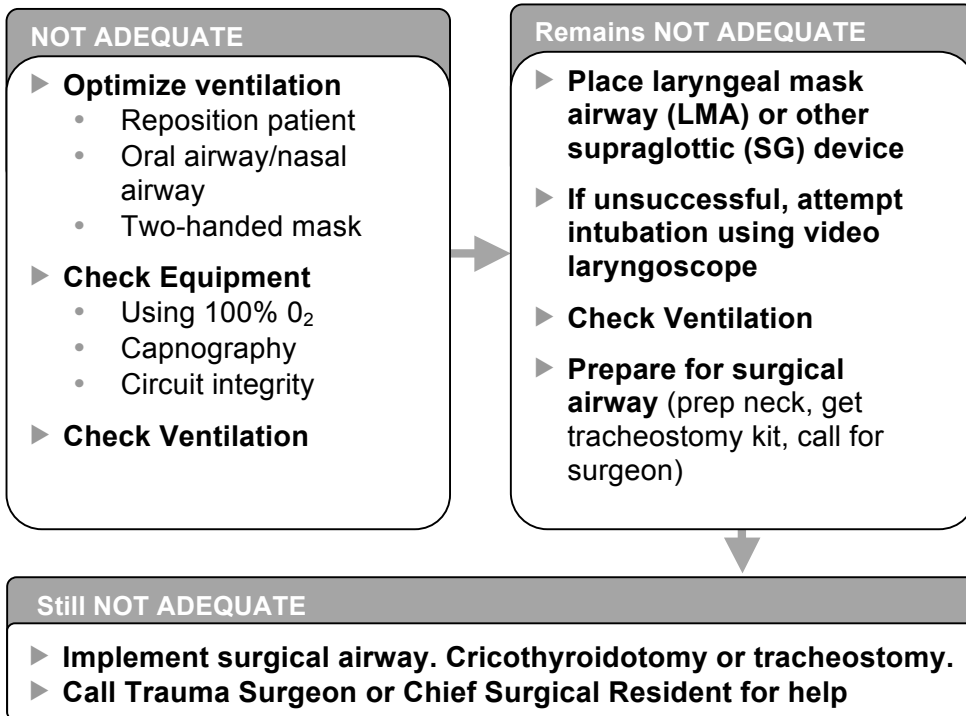
# 6 Failed Airway

2 unsuccessful intubation attempts by an airway expert

## START

- 1 Call for expert anesthesiology help. (Floorwalker 662-4351 or 0610)
  - ▶ Ask: "Who will be the crisis manager?"
- 2 Get Difficult Airway Cart and a video laryngoscope. Have code cart available
- 3 Bag-mask ventilate with 100% oxygen
- 4 Is ventilation adequate?

## Ventilation NOT ADEQUATE



← Switch list →  
if ventilation  
status changes

## Ventilation ADEQUATE

- ▶ **Consider awakening patient or alternative approaches to secure airway...**
  - Operation using LMA, face mask
  - Video laryngoscope
  - LMA as conduit to intubation
  - Return to spontaneous ventilation
  - Different blades
  - Intubating stylet
  - Fiberoptic intubation
  - Retrograde intubation
  - Blind oral or nasal intubation
- ▶ **If awakening patient, consider:**
  - Awake intubation
  - Do procedure under regional/local
  - Cancel the case