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### Pearls:

- For this protocol, adult is defined as 12 years old or greater.
- Capnometry, Esophageal bulb, or capnography is mandatory with all methods of intubation. Document results.
- Maintain C-spine immobilization for patients with suspected spinal injury.
- Do not assume hyperventilation is psychogenic -- use oxygen, not a paper bag.
- Sellick's maneuver should be used to assist with difficult intubations.
- Paramedics should consider using a combitube when they are unable to intubate a patient.
- Hyperventilation in head trauma should only be done to maintain a pCO<sub>2</sub> of 30-35.
- Nasogastric tube placement should be considered in all intubated patients, but requires a **Medical Control Order**.
- Continuous pulse oximetry should be utilized in all patients with an inadequate respiratory function.
- Consider c-collar to maintain ETT placement for all intubated patients (REMOVE COLLAR upon patient TRANSFER).