Start of Shift Checklist for Emergency Department

Adapt as needed for your particular site

MATERIALS

Airway Cart

- Laryngoscopes, lights working, scope blades, OPAs, NPAs, LMAs, ET Tubes, bougies, stylets,
- NIV masks, vent circuits
- Cricothyrotomy kit

Lifepak Plugged in and working?

- EtCO2 monitors nasal and inline, O2 sat monitor-
- Pacer/defib pads

Ventilator

- Plugged in and working
- Settings: Mode S/T, IPAP 10, EPEP 5, FiO2 100%, Breath rate 14

Miscellaneous

- IO drill and Sternal IO sets (head of bed 1)
- Ultrasound machine working
- Restraints
- Resuscitation drugs: know where they all are, paralytics (fridge), phenylephrine

STRATEGIES

do you know the names of everyone you are working with? Do they know your name?
do you know where to find gloves, gown and mask with eye protection?
do you have a plan for a dangerous patient- chemical, physical
do you know how to initiate Non-Invasive Ventilation?
do you know how to mechanically ventilate a patient?
do you know how to use the defibrillator to defibrillate, cardiovert and pace?
do you know where to find protocols for acute STEMI and stroke?
do you have a plan for treating acute anaphylaxis?
do you have a plan for status epilepticus?
do you have a plan for severe asthma?
do you know where the antidote kit is?

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