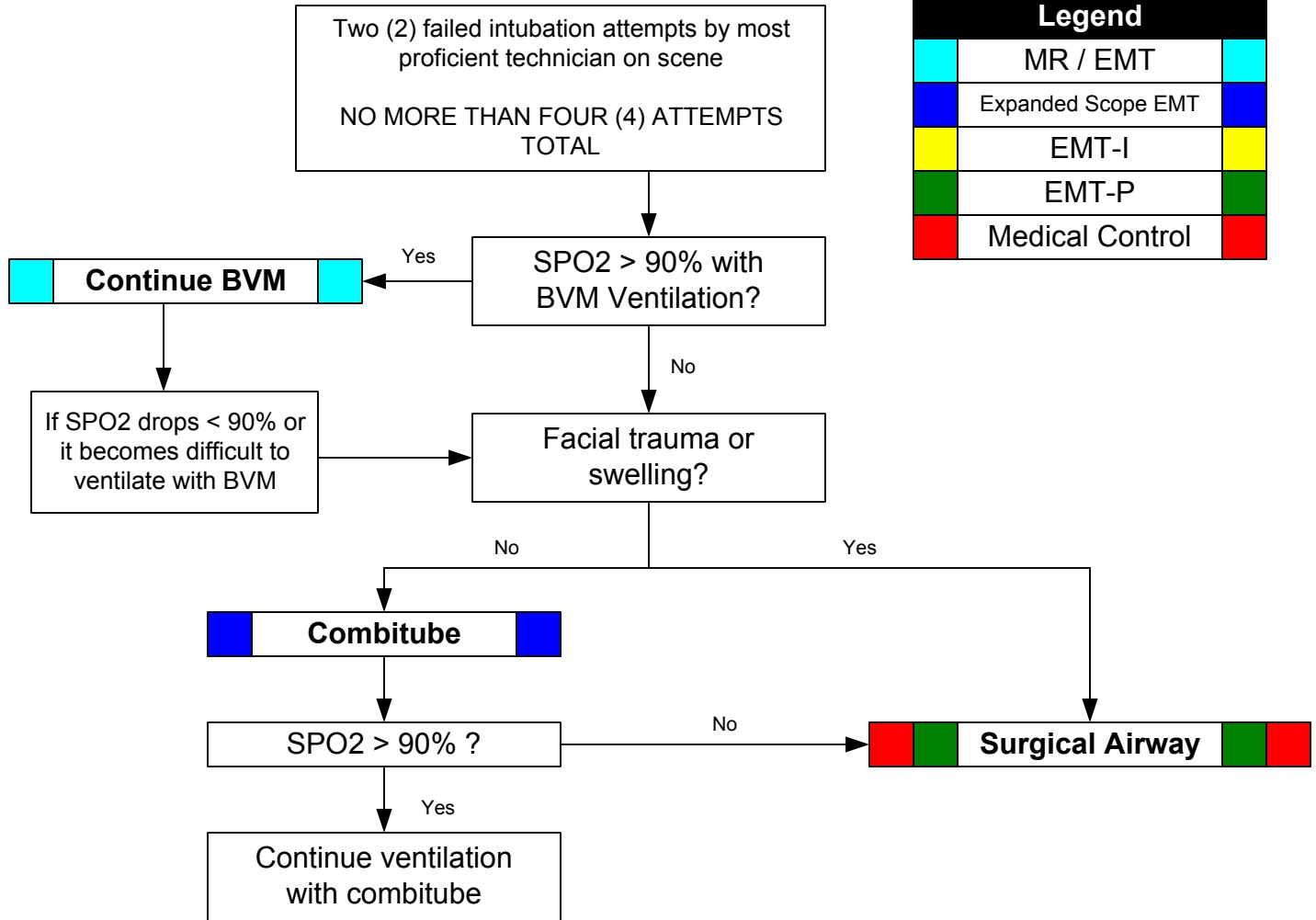


# FORSYTH COUNTY EMS GENERAL PROTOCOLS

## Airway, Adult-Failed

| Legend |                    |  |
|--------|--------------------|--|
|        | MR / EMT           |  |
|        | Expanded Scope EMT |  |
|        | EMT-I              |  |
|        | EMT-P              |  |
|        | Medical Control    |  |



**Pearls:**

- \* **If first intubation attempts fails, make an adjustment and then try again:**
  - \* Different laryngoscope blade
  - \* Different ETT size
  - \* Change cricoid pressure
  - \* Apply BURP maneuver (Push trachea Back, Up, and to patient's Right)
  - \* Change head positioning in non Trauma Patient
- \* Continuous pulse oximetry should be utilized in all patients with an inadequate respiratory function.
- \* **Notify Medical Control AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE about the patient's difficult / failed airway.**