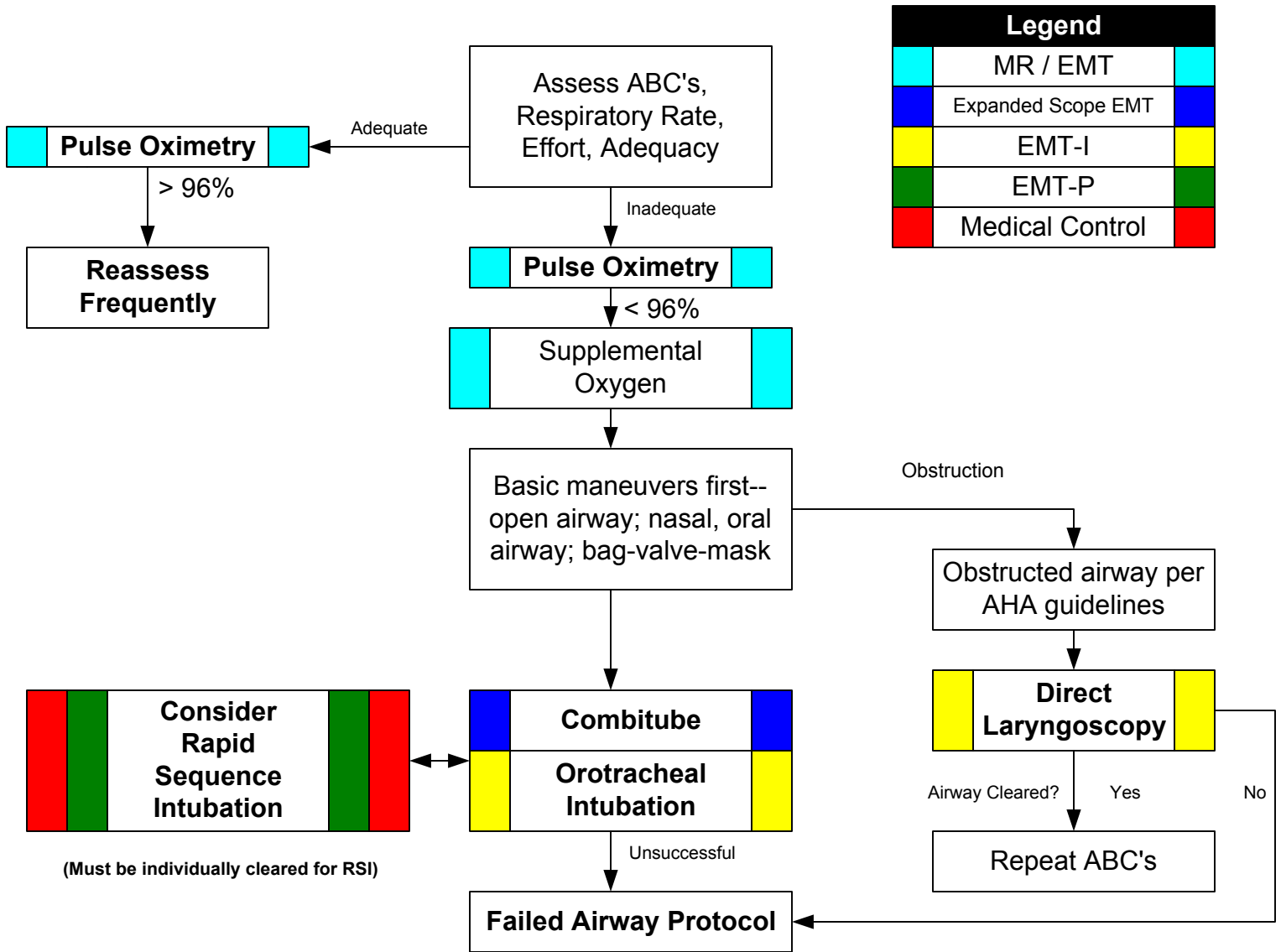


FORSYTH COUNTY EMS GENERAL PROTOCOLS

Airway, Adult



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

Pearls:

- * For this protocol, adult is defined as 12 years old or greater.
- * Capnometry, or capnography is mandated with all methods of Intubation. Document results.
- * Maintain C-spine immobilization for patients with suspected spinal injury.
- * Don't 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.
- * Ventilate head trauma patients to maintain a pCO2 of approx. 35mmhg.
- * Nasogastric tube placement should be considered in all intubated patients.
- * 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 upon patient transfer).
- * Consider supplemental oxygen in any patient with abnormal vital signs or significant mechanism of injury.
- * Pulse Oximetry = / > 92% in COPD patients should be considered normal