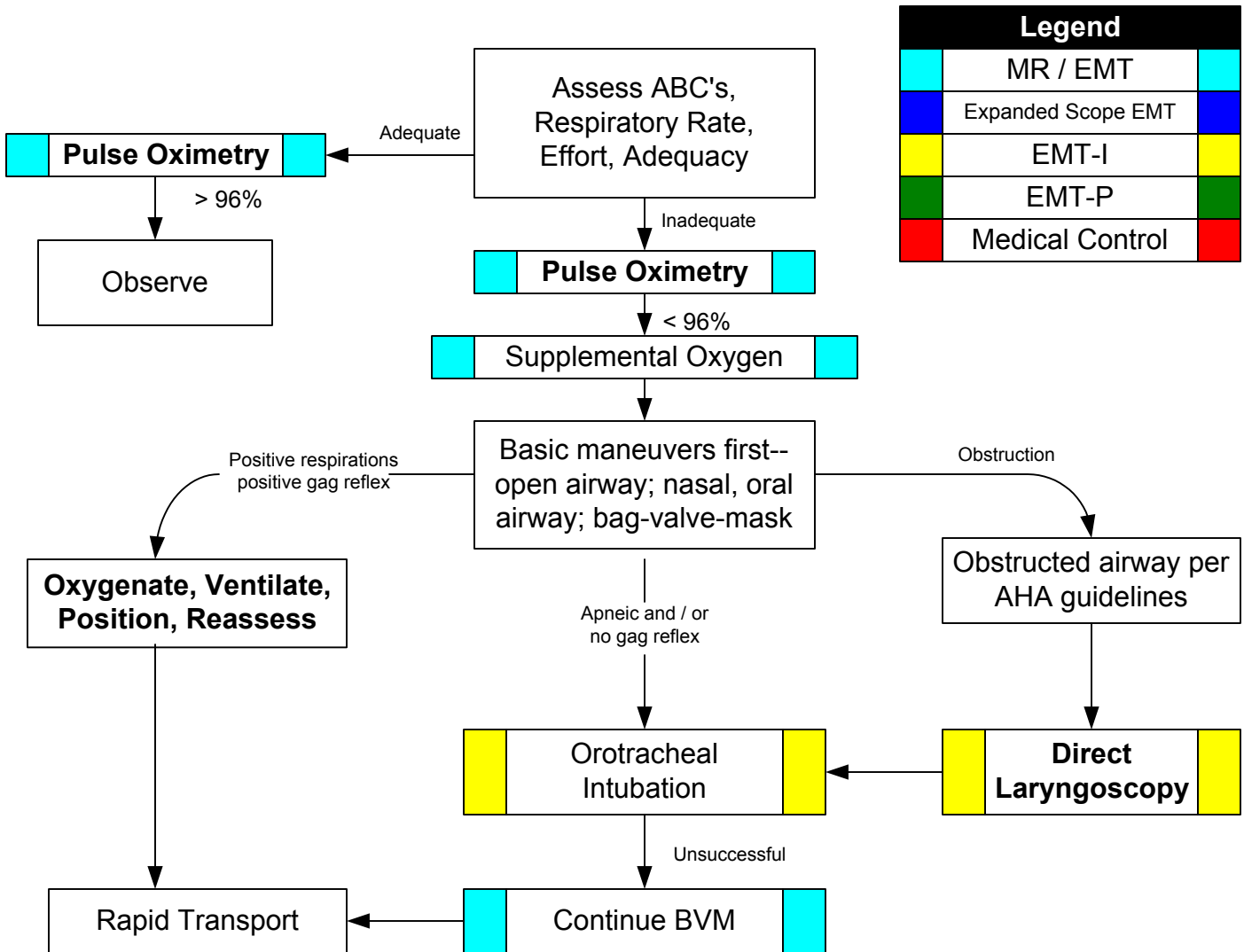


FORSYTH COUNTY EMS GENERAL PROTOCOLS

Airway, Pediatric



Pearls:

- * For this protocol, pediatric is defined as less than 12 years old.
- * Capnometry, or capnography is mandated with all methods of Intubation. Document results.
- * Limit Intubation attempts to 3 per patient.
- * If unable to intubate, continue BVM ventilation, transport rapidly, and notify receiving hospital early.
- * 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.
- * Hyperventilation in head trauma should only be done to maintain a pCO₂ of 30-35.
- * 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.

Approved by: _____

R.L. Alson, M.D.
October, 2003