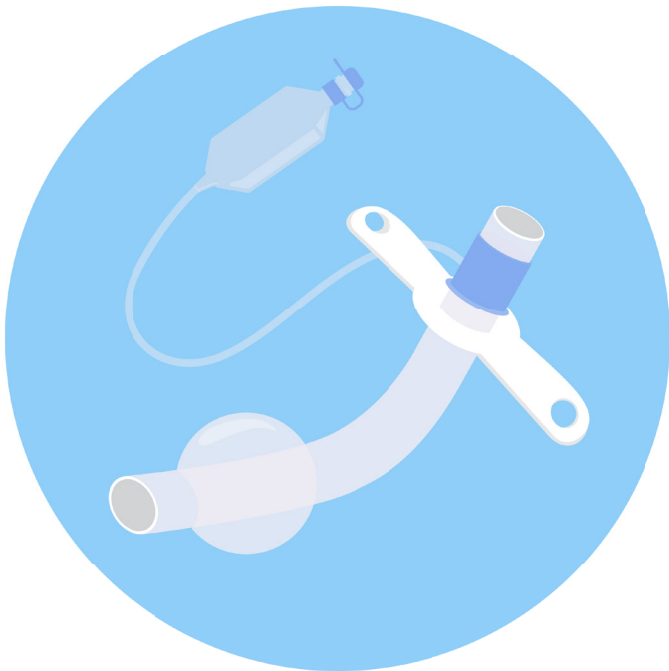


# ADDRESSING AN AIRWAY EMERGENCY POCKET CARD



## STEPS

1. Call a code overhead so that your coordinator or manager and additional help, such as other nurses, come to the OR; these additional team members can assist by doing supply runs, answering questions, or performing rounds of compressions.
2. Grab the crash cart (or delegate that task to someone).
3. Grab the airway emergency cart if your unit has one (or delegate that task to someone). The emergency airway cart should have a tracheostomy instrument set on it and other small supplies, such as a 10cc syringe and split sheet drapes.
4. While you are calling a code and grabbing the carts, the anesthesia team will begin to start compressions and draw up meds.
5. Prepare for the possibility of performing an emergency tracheostomy by obtaining the necessary supplies.
6. Partake in the code by applying defibrillator pads, taking over a round of compressions, or timing and recording the rounds of compressions given.