

Difficult Airway Kit Back to Basics

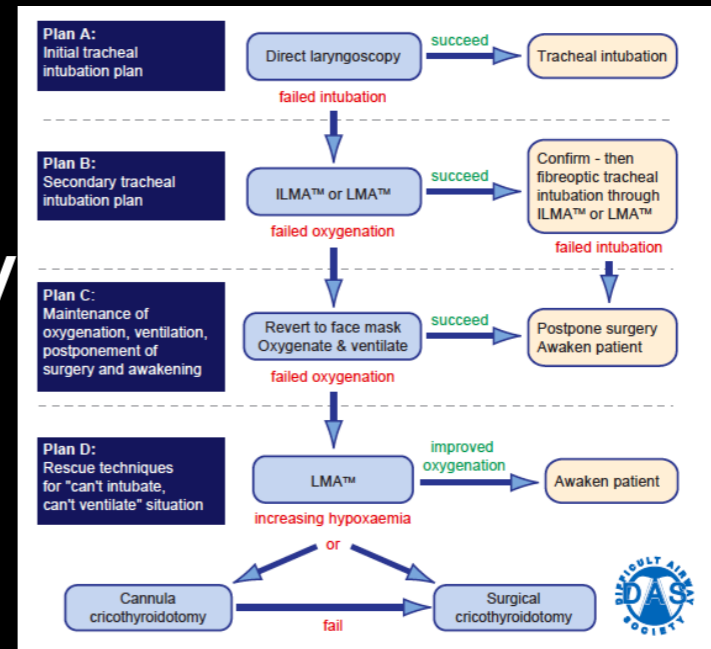
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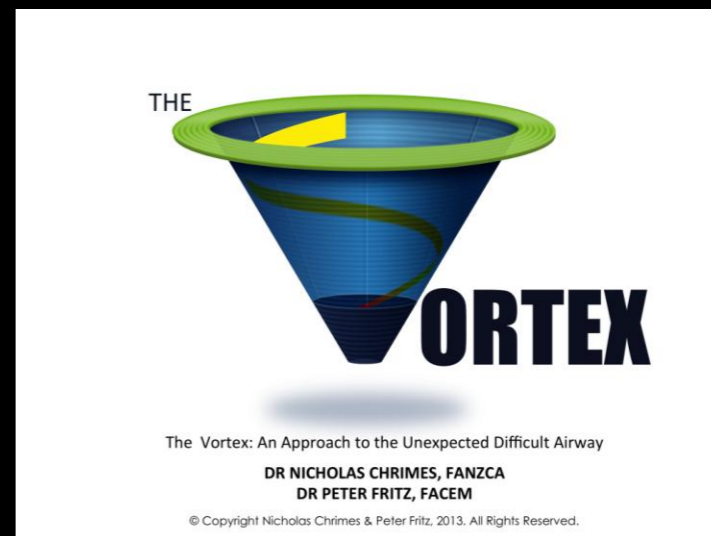


Difficult Airway Plans

- UK's Difficult Airway Society

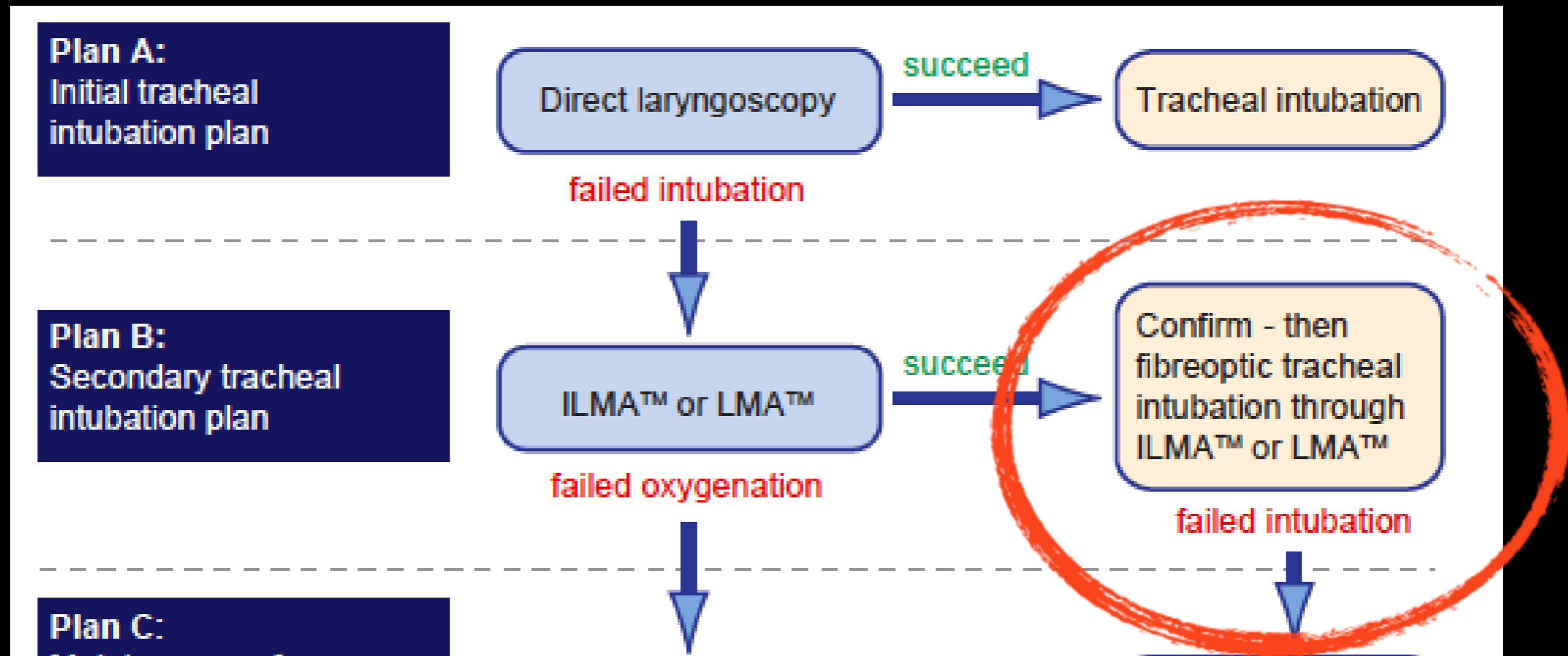


- Monash 'The Vortex'



All difficult airway algorithms rely on the **availability of key equipment**

- eg : *'fiberoptic intubation through LMA'* in the UK DAS difficult airway algorithm



Be honest - who has **fiberoptics readily available** on the floor in their ED/ICU and **staff able to use it?**

Videolaryngoscopy

- Range of affordable VLs now available & affordable



most VL under A\$1000, disposable VL under A\$100

improve C-L view by 1-2 grades

Intubating LMAs

- 2nd generation iLMAs to facilitate
 - *ventilation,*
 - *gastric drainage,*
 - *either blind or fiberoptic placement of ETT*
- only A\$30 each



Fibreoptic device

- Allow intubation through iLMA as a conduit



Malleable fibreoptic stylets....or disposable flexible scopes

~ A\$2000

NO EXCUSES

- ANZCA standard is to have “equipment to manage a difficult airway wherever airways are managed”
- - do **YOU** have this?
- NAP4 (UK) shows the hazard of airway management outside Operating Theatre - **ICU and ED** in particular
- Algorithms for management of difficult airway exist - do **YOU** use them?
- A range of **affordable difficult airway kit** is available for under **A\$4000** total

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- “Difficult Airway Toolkit for
 - Rural Doctors on a Budget”
 - Airway kit suggestions applicable
 - to ED, ICU, Retrieval & Rural Airway Management
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