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YOU'VE INTUBATED — NOW WHAT?

Rural emergency practitioners need to have comfort with establishing a definitive airway for care and transport of high acuity patients. Much of the focus is on capturing the airway, but what do you do with the patient while awaiting the transport team. This talk will focus on a simplified algorithm in managing an intubated patient in the rural ED, common pitfalls and their management, and best practices to help prevent the consequences of being ventilated.

1. Describe principles of monitoring of an intubated patient 2. Describe the basics of ventilator settings 3. Develop an approach to the deteriorating intubated patient 4. Discuss the need for adequate analgesia and sedation 5. Apply strategies to prevent ventilator associated pneumonia (VAP)