

Pediatric Critical Airway Team (P-CAT): Problem Identification, Needs Assessment and Implementation



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INTRODUCTION

- UC Davis Children's Hospital is located within an Adult Medical Center and many resources are shared
- Four (4) near-miss Pediatric airway events in < 1 year
- Multi-disciplinary review: Pediatric/OB Anes, ENT, Peds Surgery, Trauma, PICU/NICU, EM, RRT and Code Blue Teams over 2 years

LIMITATIONS IDENTIFIED

- Life-threatening/High risk yet low frequency events
- Multiple responders leader unknown
- Multiple intubation attempts (>10 in 2 cases)
- Scattered equipment (Children's Surgery, Adult ORs, PICU)
- Lack of coordinated effort difficult to reach
- Many Peds specialists on home call

AIRWAY CART



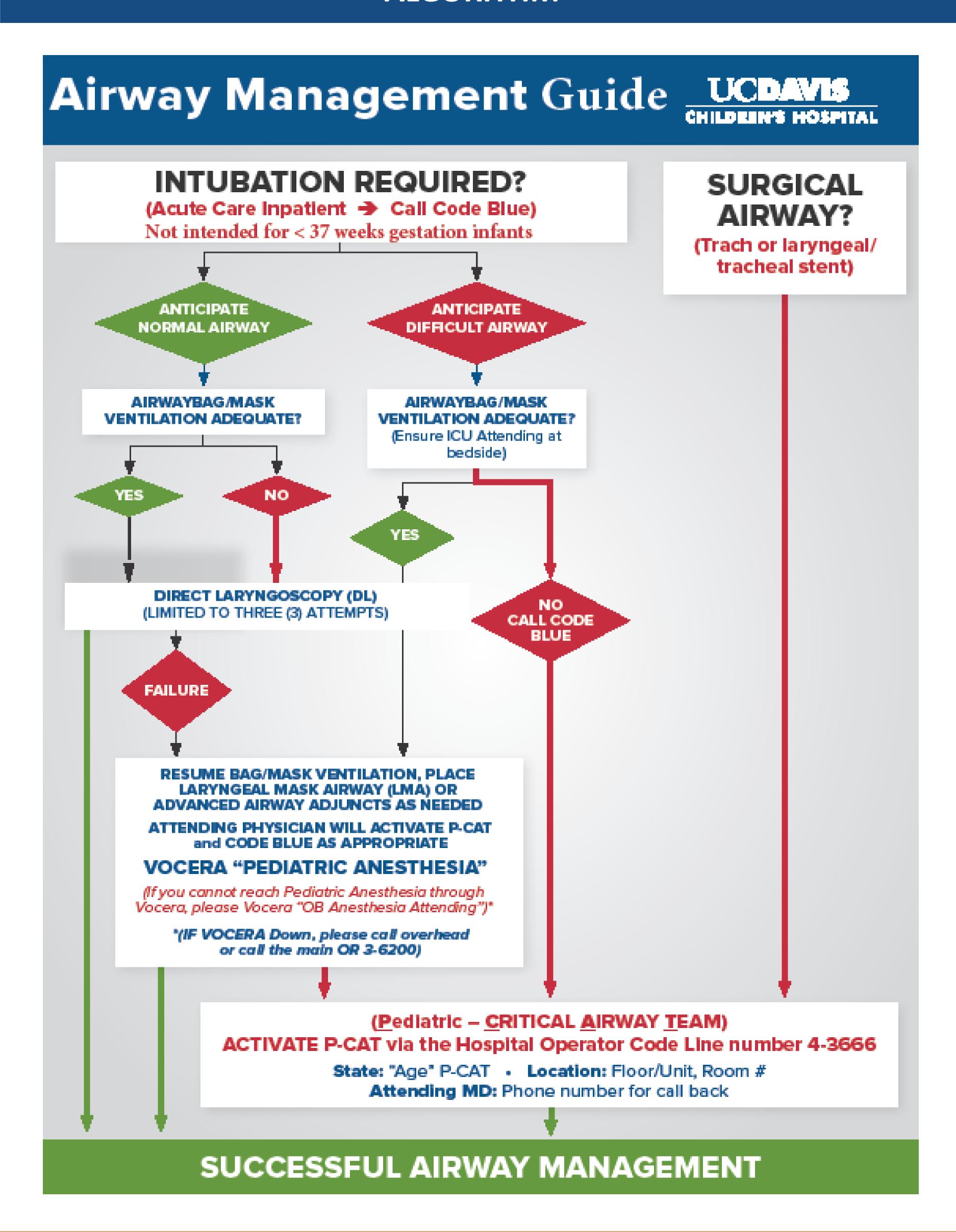


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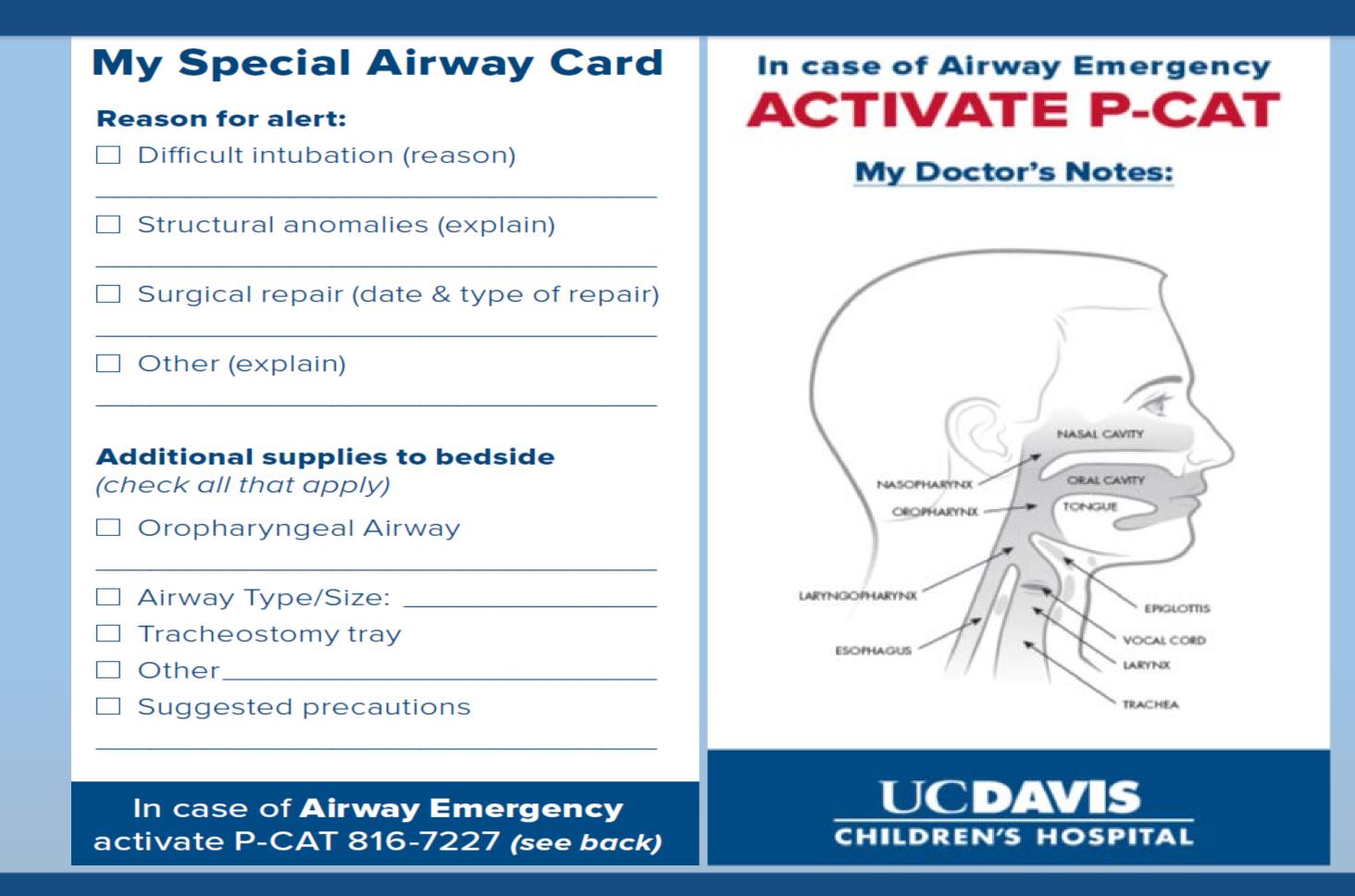
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ALGORITHM



BEDSIDE CARD



SOLUTIONS

- Standardize our process
- Analyze and adapt from other Children's & Adult models
- Develop algorithm with EMR ID + bedside card + take away card
- Build uniform cart with Anesthesia/Surgical supplies
- Interchangeable OR trays for quick turn around
- Single contact entire P-CAT team (pager)
- Multiple surgical services (ENT/Peds Surg), locations (ICU, floor, ED), and patient age (neonate to 18 yrs)

CONCLUSION

- The P-CAT at UCD Children's Hospital is a successful modification of processes used at other Adult and freestanding Children's Hospitals with some key difference identified and overcome
- Standardization of both first responders, back up Pediatric specialists and equipment has decreased negative outcomes in children with difficult airways in our institution over the team's first year

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