



Medical Pre-Alert

Setting up a resus room for a Medical pre-alert

Important information to gather:

1. How much time do you have? If you have very little time, attempt to set up the most important parts first and you can get the rest as you need later
2. Is an NHS number attached to the pre-alert? If you have time - look the patient up to gain important medical history
3. What is the age of your patient? Adult or paediatric? Do you need to contact anyone to be there?

Once you know these details (if they're available to you!) you can start setting up.

Medical pre-alerts will vary massively in what is required so take that into consideration when setting up room.

A & B - Airway and Breathing

- Is the patient tubed? If so, set up for an intubated patient
- Ensure OxyLog is charging and attached to O₂
- Ensure the airway trolley is either sealed or safely stocked
- Ensure basic oxygen equipment (nasal cannula, NRB) is present and within easy reach

C - Circulation

- Ensure monitoring equipment is ready - BP cuff, three lead, sats probe
- Have a tray ready with cannula equipment set up
- Blood tubes - one of each and two purple if needed, blood cultures if ? sepsis

- Blood track machine - make sure it's charged and ready to be used!
- Fluids - ensure available if needed
- ECG machine available and charged

D & E - Disability, Drugs and Exposure

- Low GCS on pre-alert? Will you need ITU support for airway?
- ? Sepsis - do you need to get antibiotics ready?