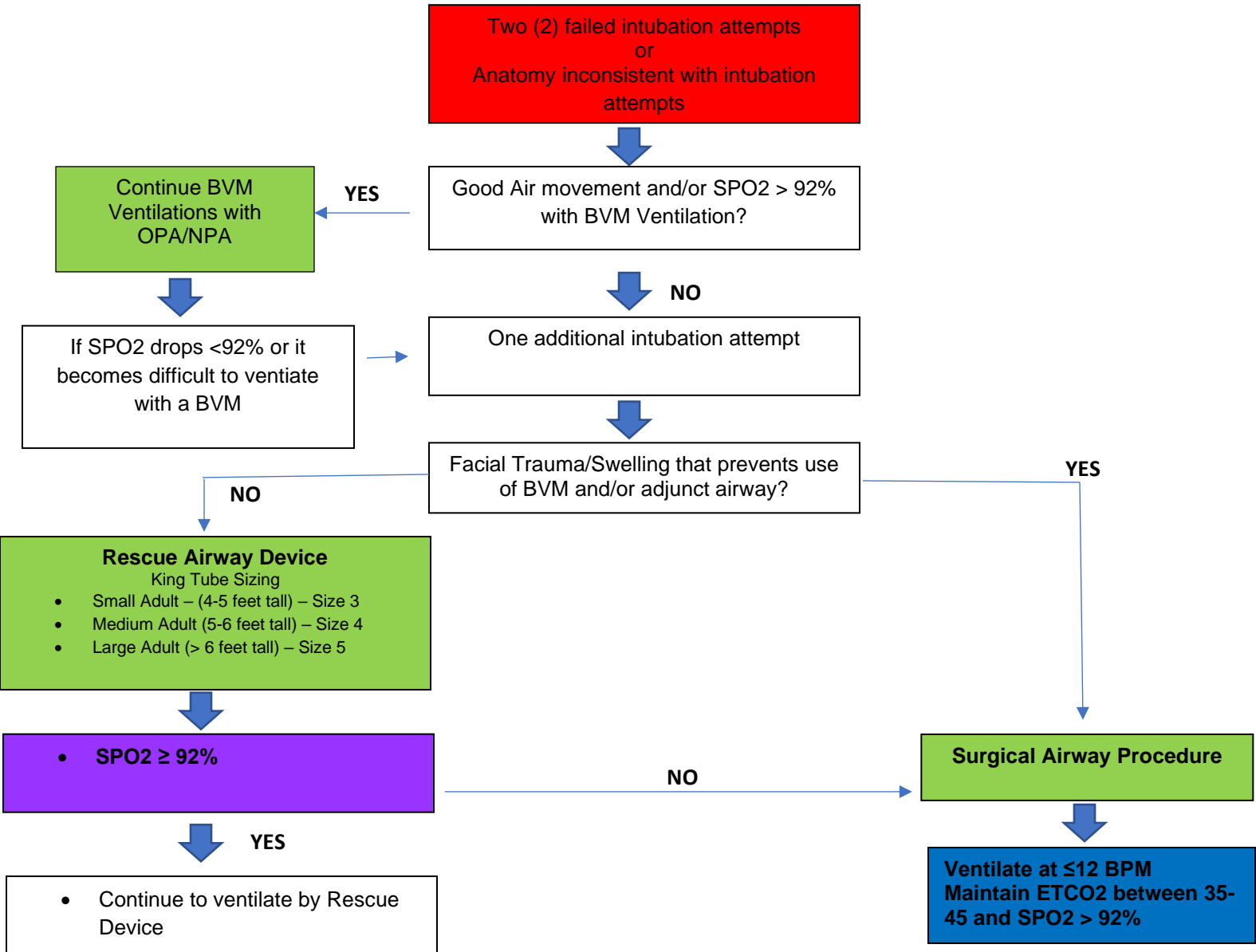


# ADULT FAILED AIRWAY PROTOCOL

Paramedic



- PEARLS**
- ETCO2 and SPO2 are mandatory with all advanced airways. Record waveforms and readings.
  - If an airway is maintained by BVM with SPO2 > 92%, it is acceptable to maintain basic airway measures instead of using a King Airway or ET tube.
  - If a Rescue Airway is providing good ventilatory exchange and is functioning appropriately: Do Not Remove or Exchange
  - If first intubation attempt fails, make adjustments and try again:
    - Different laryngoscope blade
    - Different ET tube size
    - Change patient head positioning
    - Consider applying external laryngeal manipulation (ELM)
  - Notify EMS Division Chief and Medical Director ASAP if failed airway protocol followed.