

CORONA-WARS:



OBJECTIVES:

- Practice COVID-19 intubation protocols

THE SITUATION:

- 65 y/o male with COPD.
- Presented to ER with <24hrs SOB, fever, dry cough.
- Presumed COVID-19 positive and on droplet precautions.
- MD is alerted by the nurse that his SpO2 is trending down, currently at 86%, though he seems minimally distressed.

DISCUSS (#1):

- What do you need to be prepared for when entering the room?
- What are PPE requirements for this case?

SITUATION UPDATE:

- The decision is made to intubate the patient

DISCUSS (#2):

- How few people can you have in the room for this procedure?
- Indications for intubation for COVID-19 patients?

SITUATION UPDATE:

- The patient is successfully intubated and is stabilizing his oxygen saturations.

CHALLENGE:

- (optional)
- After the team has entered the room, while setting up for intubation, the facilitator informs them that the glidescope doesn't work. Troubleshoot.

DEBRIEF:

- What are the differences between PPE needed for aerosolizing procedures vs regular droplet precautions?
- How can we be more efficient with PPE use?
- How many/few team members need to be present for intubation?
- What intubation equipment/protocols are being used at your site?