

Bronchoscopy in SICU

1. Obtain consent from family unless this is emergent. If being done emergently, write a note in the chart stating indication and that it is emergent.
2. Person doing the bronchoscopy should wear cap, mask, gown, and sterile gloves.
3. Ensure appropriate sedation and analgesia.
4. Place bite block in mouth.
5. Place sterile drape or towel over patient so scope does not drag on "contaminated" areas.
6. Check with RT to be sure ventilator setting is appropriate.
7. Support tip of bronchoscope when initially placing so fiberoptics are not bent.
8. When the carina is reached instill lidocaine unless contra-indicated.
9. When scope is complete remove and suction sterile saline to clean.
10. Write note documenting the procedure and findings. Remember diagnosis, operators, staff, and brief description.