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There was a slot at the DAS Scientific meeting in Stratford in November 2014 to encourage members to share views and ideas on how the guidelines were progressing and areas that needed attention.

Questions were invited from the floor and the following slides cover briefly what came up.
Plan A – Facemask Ventilation and Intubation

Q. I like the idea of maintenance breaths during RSI; will you include in the text that control of CO2 is important?

A. The guidelines focus on the importance of oxygenation, we currently feel that control of C02 is less time critical but agree that it is a benefit of maintenance breaths.
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Pre-oxygenation

Q. Are you going to include nasal oxygen, like in Levitan’s talk, in the new guidelines?

A. Currently a discussion around nasal oxygen supplementation is in. Some of the benefits are in the published literature and we need to make sure the guidelines are future proofed for potential developments in anaesthesia practice.
Plan D – Front of Neck Access

Q. It’s very important to ensure neck extension when performing a cric, are you going to be clear about positioning

A. We will attempt to provide advice on optimal performance of a number of techniques including cricothyroidotomy

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Plan D – Front of Neck Access

Q. What do you think about having two teams for the CICV – one to continue oxygenation attempts while the other attempts the cric?

A. The call for help is still very much in. It may be useful to have two teams, or for the role of surgical airway to be delegated but to suggest a requirement for a second team might introduce an unnecessary and undesirable delay.

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Q. Have you seen the VORTEX stuff from Australia and do you think it has any role in the new guidelines?

A. We have seen it - it’s been included in our literature search and has (along with loads of other published material) influenced our thinking as we develop the guidelines.

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Q. Are you going to incorporate something about human factors into the new guidelines?

A. Yes, currently there’s some discussion of human factors in the introduction (and in some of the plan sections). At the meeting there was a “DAS co-pilot” presentation and poster. We are working with the authors on how improved teamwork can be highlighted in relation to the guidelines.
Q. Is follow up after a difficult airway mentioned in the new guidelines?

A. We will be discussing the importance of follow up in the guidelines. Current thinking is that we probably won’t be including a detailed approach of how it should be done as this is part of a separate ongoing DAS project.

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