

Figure 1. Prepare and drape as time allows



Figure 2. Identify the correct cricothyroid membrane. Use vertical incision if necessary



Figure 3. Horizontal incision through the cricothyroid membrane



Figure 4. Blunt dilation of opening with finger



Figure 5. Immediate placement of bougie with coude tip directed toward the feet



Figure 6. Confirm tracheal placement with palpation of clicks or hold-up



Figure 7. Pass 6-mm endotracheal tube or tracheostomy tube over bougie. A 5.5-mm tube may be used in smaller adults



Figure 8. Ensure proper placement of tube



Figure 9. Withdraw bougie

