This flow chart should be used in conjunction with the text

* Exchange should be performed only if the patient did not have difficult mask ventilation, difficult intubation and is not a case of full stomach (obese, pregnant, recent ingestion of food or raised intra-abdominal pressure)

** Suspected nerve damage/structural damage to airway

AEC = Airway exchange catheter
CPAP = Continuous positive airway pressure
ETT = Endotracheal tube
FOB = Fibreoptic bronchoscope
HDU = High dependency unit
HFNC = High flow nasal cannula
ICU = Intensive care unit
O2 = Oxygen
OT = Operation theatre
SAD = Supraglottic airway device
VTe = Expired tidal volume
