

VENTILATION

OBJECTIVE SIGNS OF IMPAIRED VENTILATION:

- **Asymmetrical chest wall excursion**
- **Decreased or absent air entry**
- **Tachypnea**
- **Pulse oximetry**

So, say the patient is intubated already:

IS THE OXYGENATION ADEQUATE?

- **Pulse oximetry will tell you the SaO₂ but not the PaO₂**
 - **It is unreliable in**
 - **poor perfusion**
 - **anaemia**
 - **hypothermia**
 - **blood pressure cuff is above the sensor**
 - **the sensor is on an injured extremity**
 - **carboxyhemoglobin or methemoglobin**

IS THE VENTILATION ADEQUATE?

- **Bagging and masking should be performed by 2 people where possible**
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