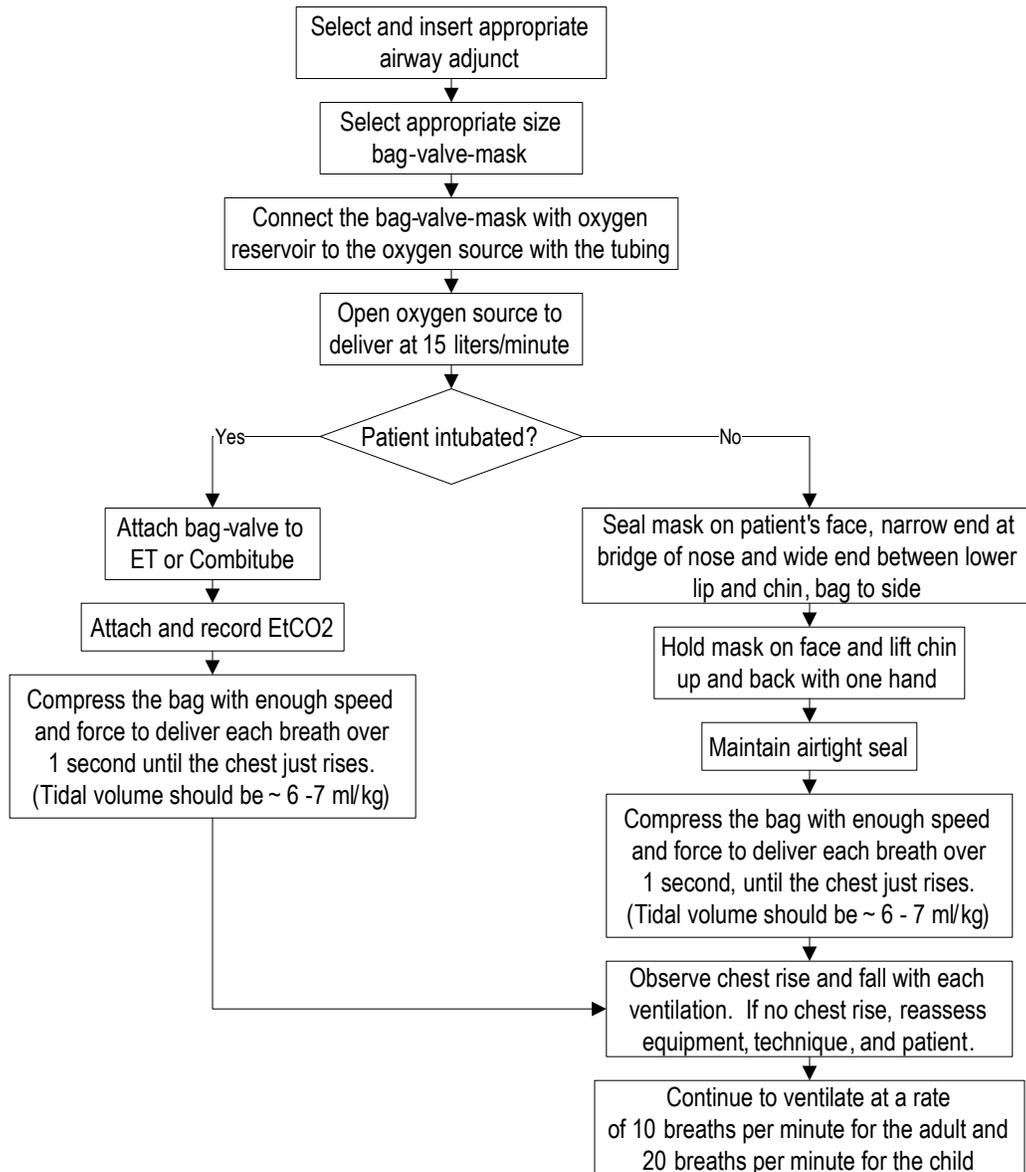


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
PRACTICAL SKILL  
BAG-VALVE VENTILATION**

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<b>Purpose:</b> To assist respirations in a patient whose respiratory effort is absent or inadequate		<b>Indications:</b> Any patient with inadequate or absent respiratory effort	
<b>Advantages:</b> Provides for ventilation with supplemental oxygen Reduces exposure to upper airway secretions	<b>Disadvantages:</b> Can be difficult to maintain face seal Does not prevent aspiration	<b>Complications:</b> Gastric inflation	<b>Contraindications:</b> Facial trauma with disruption of the bone framework of the face and jaw



**NOTES:**

- For patients with a suspected cervical spine injury, use the jaw thrust maneuver to open the airway.
- For patients not intubated, the 2-person method for bag-valve-mask ventilation is preferred.