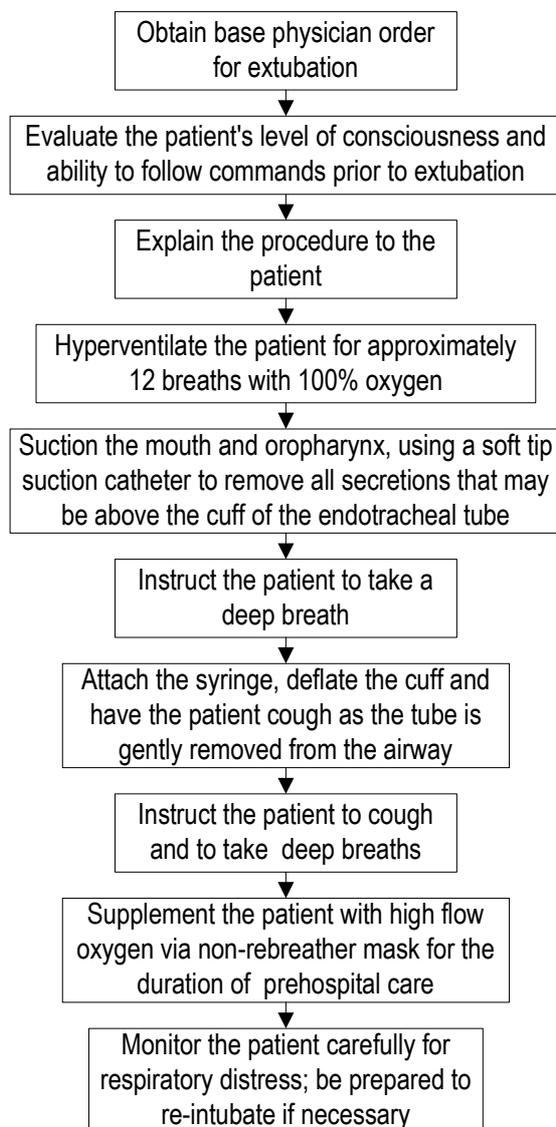


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
PRACTICAL SKILL  
ENDOTRACHEAL  
EXTUBATION**

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<b>Purpose:</b> To safely remove an indwelling endotracheal tube (oral or nasal) from the trachea		<b>Indications:</b> Patient's gag reflex returns and is ventilating on own	
<b>Advantages:</b> Removes focus of discomfort and agitation from an alert patient who has an intact gag reflex and is ventilating on his/her own	<b>Disadvantages:</b> Loss of positive airway control	<b>Complications:</b> Laryngospasm Aspiration	<b>Contraindications:</b> Any patient unable to adequately ventilate or protect his/her own airway



**NOTE:**

- If patient becomes agitated or tries to self-extubate, contact medical control for possible sedation order.