

MH Crisis Initial Management

In most cases the most senior anaesthetist present should coordinate crisis management and we recommend the use of the task cards if the situation is appropriate

1. Declare Emergency (complete or abandon surgery)
2. Call for HELP
3. Send for the MH box and refrigerated supplies
4. Turn off volatile agent and remove vaporisers from the anaesthetic workstation (substituting IV anaesthesia maintenance if required)
5. Hyperventilate with 100% oxygen and high fresh gas flows (>15 litres/minute)
6. Do not waste time changing the anaesthesia machine or circuit
7. Distribute the task cards: the MH box contains individual task cards to help manage an MH crisis. Give each available staff member a card (or two) and ask them to complete the instructions.
8. There are multiple high priority tasks but:

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administration is
the priority**