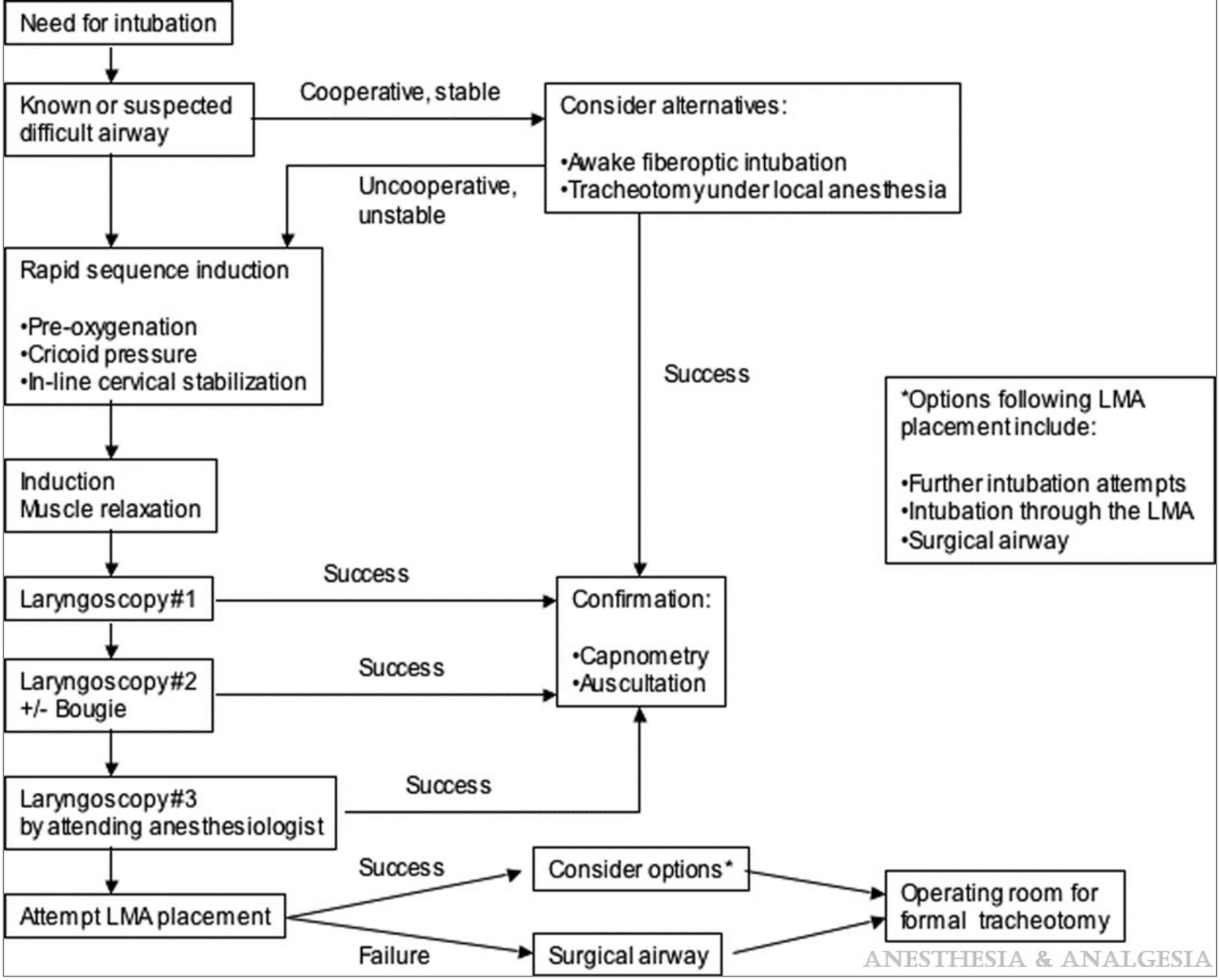
Need for intubation
Known or suspected difficult airway
Cooperative, stable
Consider alternatives:
•Awake fiberoptic intubation
•Tracheotomy under local anesthesia
Uncooperative, unstable
Rapid sequence induction
•Pre-oxygenation
•Cricoid pressure
•In-line cervical stabilization
Success
*Options following LMA placement include:
•Further intubation attempts
•Intubation through the LMA
•Surgical airway
Induction
Muscle relaxation
Laryngoscopy#1
Success
Confirmation:
•Capnometry
•Auscultation
Laryngoscopy#2
+/- Bougie
Success
Laryngoscopy#3
by attending anesthesiologist
Success
Attempt LMA placement
Success
Consider options*
Operating room for formal tracheotomy
Failure
Surgical airway
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