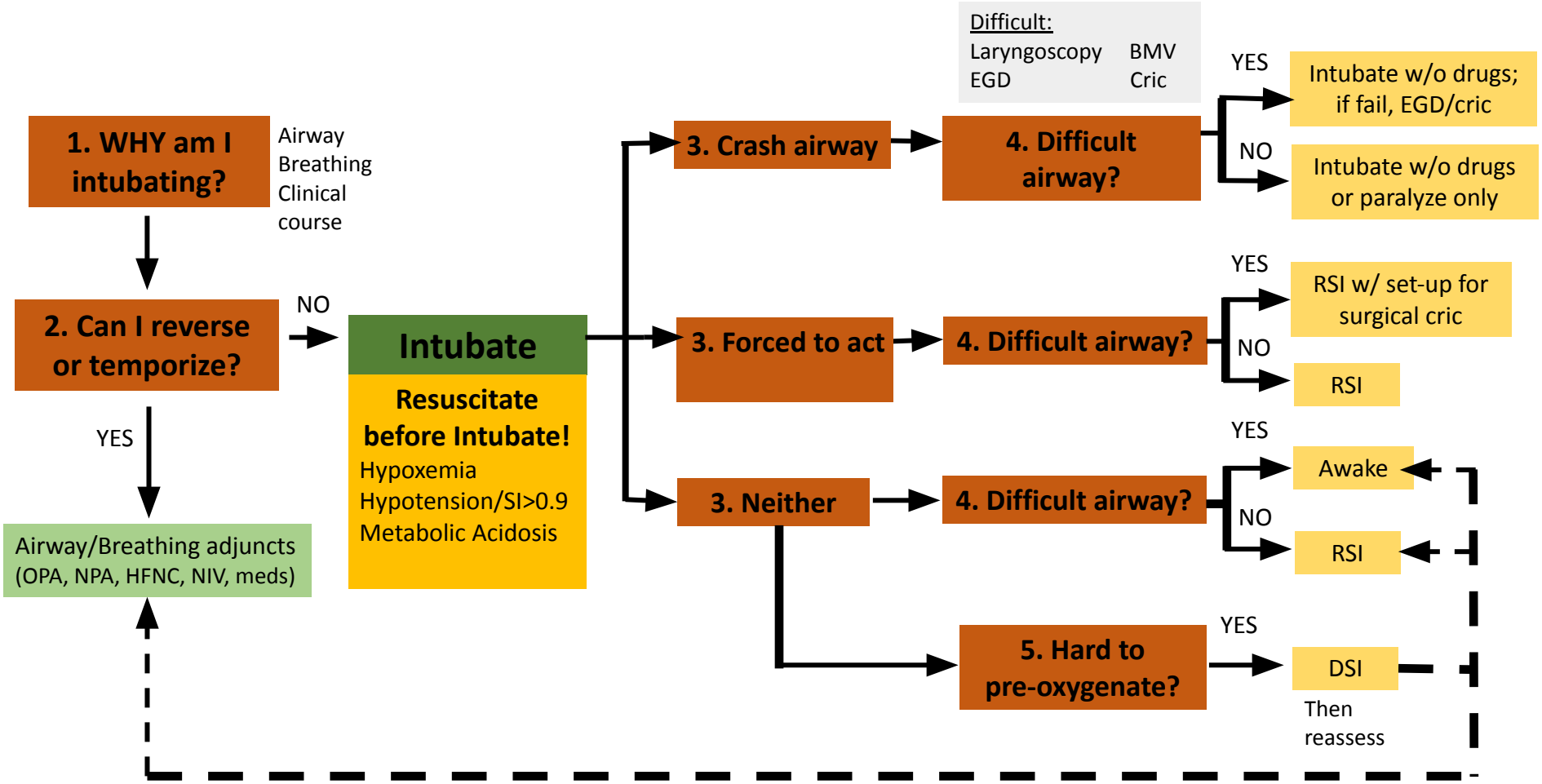
1. WHY am I intubating?
Airway
Breathing
Clinical course
2. Can I reverse or temporize?
NO
YES
Airway/Breathing adjuncts (OPA, NPA, HFNC, NIV, meds)
Intubate
Resuscitate before Intubate!
Hypoxemia
Hypotension/SI>0.9
Metabolic Acidosis
3. Crash airway
4. Difficult airway?
Difficult:
Laryngoscopy
BMV
EGD
Cric
YES
Intubate w/o drugs; if fail, EGD/cric
NO
Intubate w/o drugs or paralyze only
3. Forced to act
4. Difficult airway?
YES
RSI w/ set-up for surgical cric
NO
RSI
3. Neither
4. Difficult airway?
YES
Awake
NO
RSI
5. Hard to pre-oxygenate?
YES
DSI
Then reassess