

PRE-OPERATIVE AIRWAY ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES

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- conventional airway assessment strategies
- new airway assessment strategies
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Failure to evaluate the airway and predict difficulty is the single most important factor leading to a failed airway

ASA Closed Claims Analysis



CHAPTER 17
Airway assessment and planning





- Deficiencies in the undertaking or recording of an airway assessment
- Failure to undertake additional airway investigations
- Failure to review the investigations even when this would have been extremely useful



Major complications of airway management in the United Kingdom

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Learning points and recommendations

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- Mallampati grading, mouth opening and neck mobility were the most commonly performed bedside interactive tests.
- The commonest predicted problem was difficult direct laryngoscopy or intubation.
- Nasendoscopy was the commonest additional airway investigation.
- The risk of aspiration was not always assessed and some of these patients aspirated.
- Awake intubation would have prevented some described adverse events.
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- An airway evaluation should be undertaken in all
 patients who may require airway support or an airway
 intervention
- While most commonly applies to patients undergoing surgery, it includes patients in ICU or emergency dept

ADEQUATE PRE-OP EXAM

- Previous airway difficulty history
- Medical conditions associated with difficulty
- Previous surgery or radiotherapy to the head, neck or mediastinum
- External overall assessment
- Bedside interactive tests
- Availability of the cricothyroid membrane
- Implications of the presenting disease

PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE DIFFICULT AIRWAY

An Updated Report by the American Society of Anesthesiologists Task Force on Management of the Difficult Airway



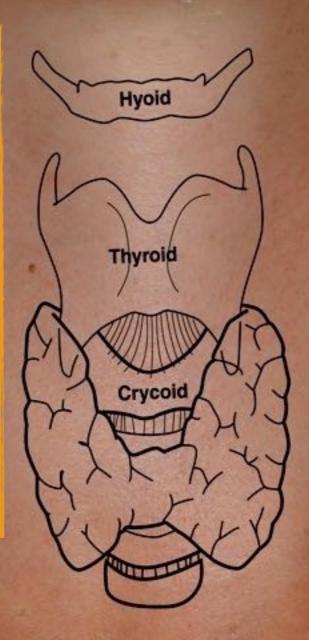




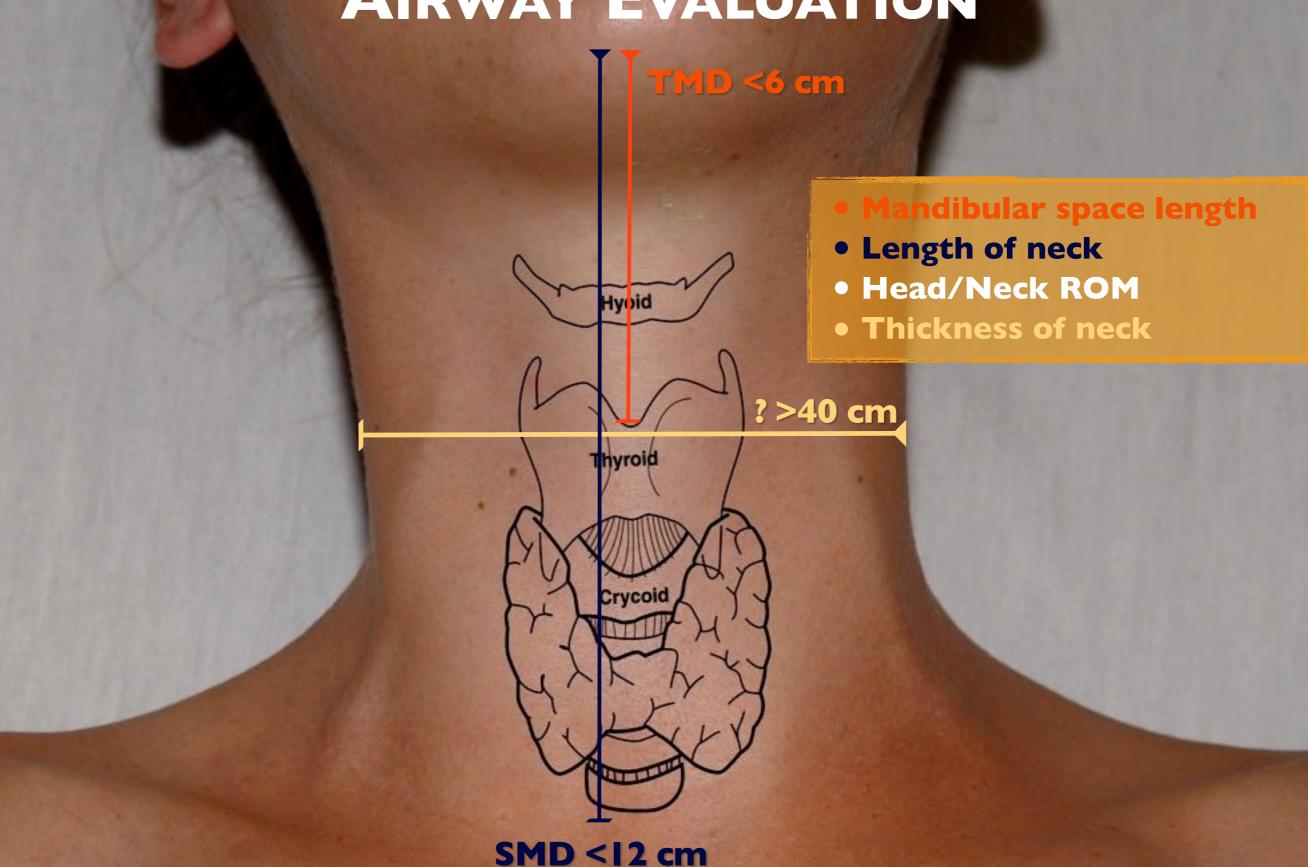
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ESSENTIAL ROUTINE PREOPERATIVE AIRWAY EVALUATION

- Length of upper incisors
- Involuntary: maxillary teeth anterior to mandibular teeth
- Voluntary: protrusion of mandibular teeth anterior to maxillary teeth lip bite test
- Interincisor distance <4 cm
- Oropharyngeal class (3 or 4)
- Narrowness of palate
- Mandibular space compliance



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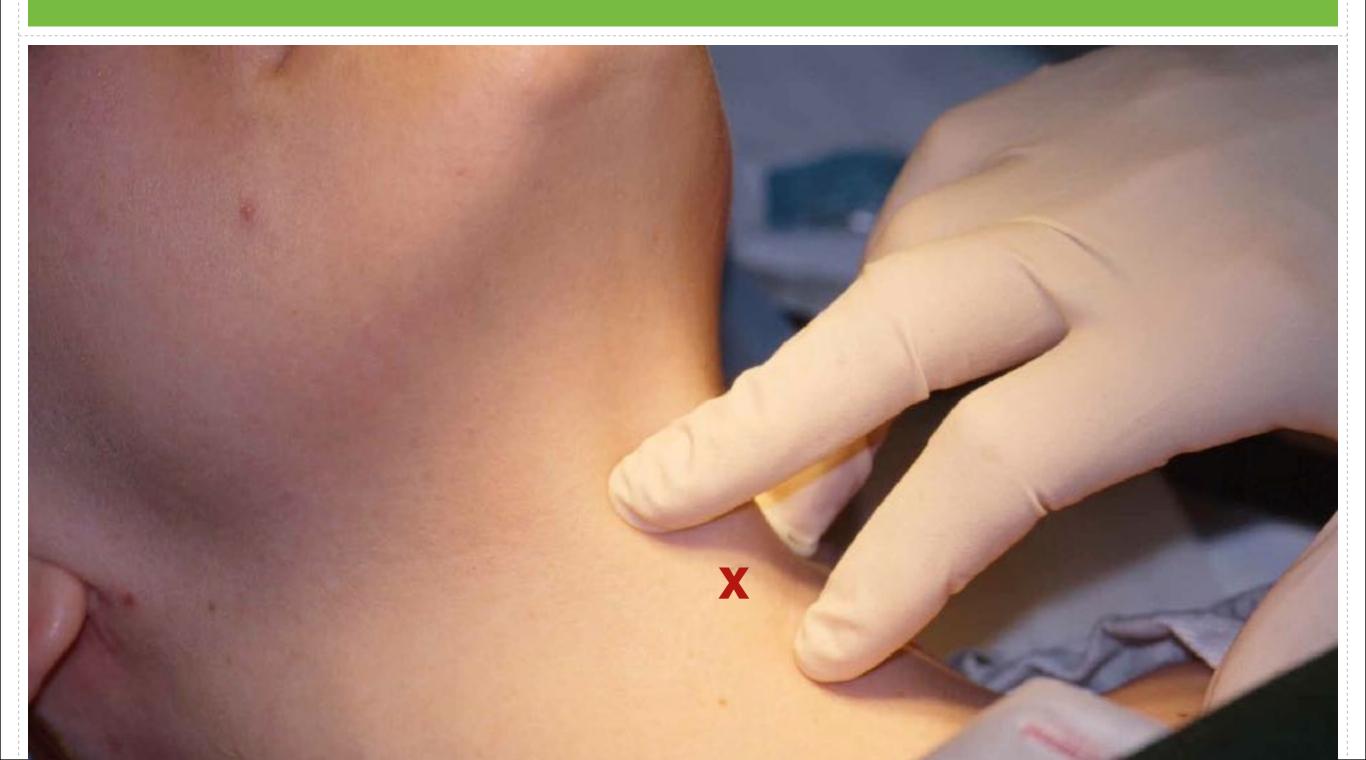


Basic Management Problems

- Difficulty with patient cooperation or consent
- Difficult mask ventilation
- Difficult supraglottic airway placement
- Difficult laryngoscopy
- Difficult intubation
- Difficult surgical airway access



Difficult Surgical Airway







Comparing success rates of anesthesia providers versus trauma surgeons in their use of palpation to identify the cricothyroid membrane in female subjects: a prospective observational study

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Abstract

Purpose: The primary aim of this study was to compare the success rates of anesthesia providers vs trauma surgeons in their use of palpation to identify the cricothyroid membrane (CTM). The secondary aim was to explore whether prior training and experience performing surgical airways affected the success rates for identifying the CTM. Methods: Four female adults participated in this prospective observational study. The participants had varying measurements of neck anatomy that were known or theorized to affect the accuracy of identifying the CTM location. For test purposes, the subjects were positioned with optimal neck extension via placement of a shoulder roll. Anesthesia providers (n = 57) and surgeons (n = 14) of various training levels and clinical experience marked the presumed CTM location on each subject. These palpation markings were then referenced against the ultrasound-confirmed CTM location, and the success rates for identifying the CTM were compared between groups. Results: The overall success rate using palpation to identify the CTM was $\leq 50\%$, and there were no differences in success rates between the anesthesia providers and trauma surgeons (16% vs 26%, respectively; absolute difference, = 10%; 95% confidence interval, = 23 to 3; = 23 to 3

PALPATION AND CTM IDENTIFICATION

- Success rate of both anesthesia providers and trauma surgeons for identifying CTM by palpation was ≤ 50%, even in non-obese females with optimized neck extension
- No significant differences in the success rates of CTM identification based on either clinical experience following completion of residency or prior emergency surgical airway experience



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- Both ASA and NAP4 recommend a pre-op airway assessment
- Choice of assessment is at the discretion of the anesthesiologist
- Investigated the diagnostic accuracy of the anesthesiologist's prediction of difficult mask ventilation and difficult tracheal intubation



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Difficult mask ventilation

- 94% unanticipated
- when anticipated, only 22% were actually difficult

Difficult intubation

- 93% unanticipated
- when anticipated, only 25% were actually difficult



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Summary

- Demonstrates the inaccuracies of airway assessment in daily practice
- Prediction of airway difficulties remains a challenging task
- Underline the importance of being constantly prepared for unexpected difficulties



Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

Airway physical examination tests for detection of difficult airway management in apparently normal adult patients (Review)

Roth D, Pace NL, Lee A, Hovhannisyan K, Warenits AM, Arrich J, Herkner H

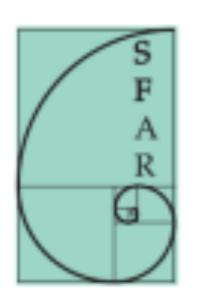


CONCLUSIONS

- Bedside airway examination tests designed as screening tests
- Low sensitivities with high variability, high specificities
- Upper bite lip test most diagnostic accuracy
- Future research needed to develop tests with high sensitivities to make them useful for screening DMV, FI







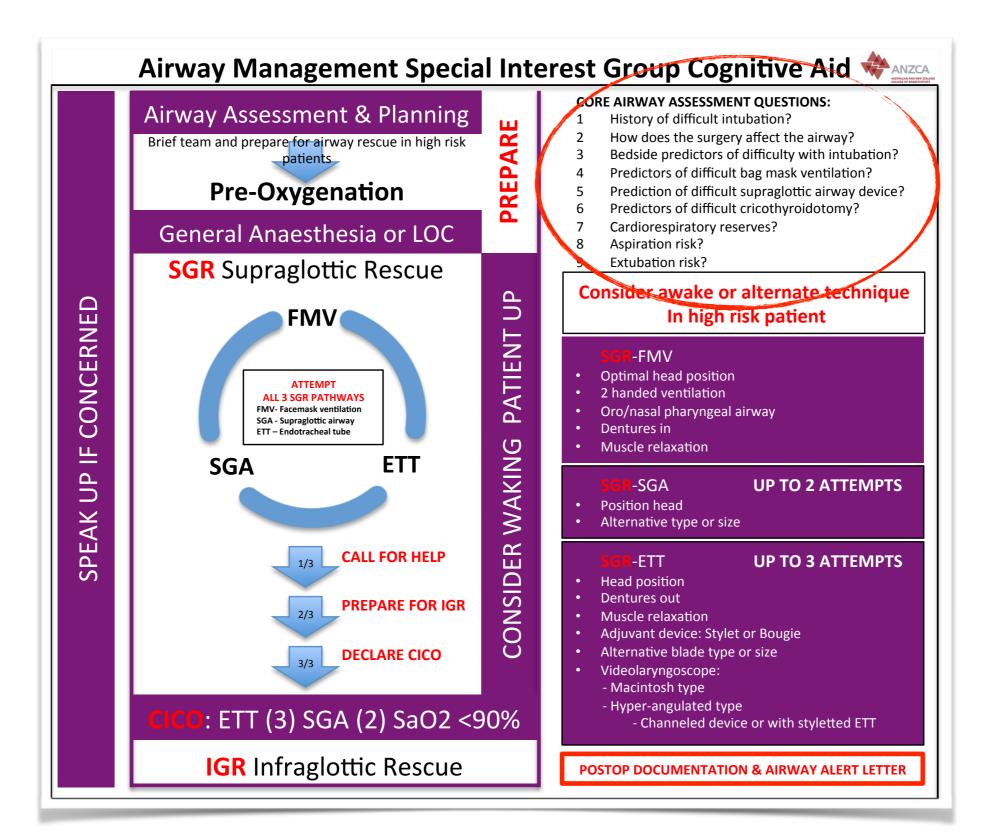


Airway Assessment included in guidelines



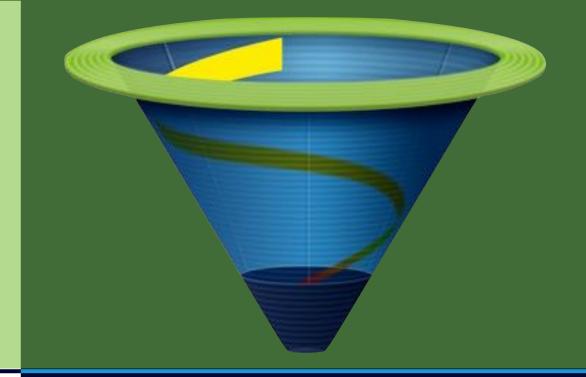


ANZCA GUIDELINES



Dr.'s Nicholas Chrimes & Peter Fritz, 2013 vortex approach.org

THE VORTEX





High Stakes Cognitive Aid

CD-

Easy to remember

Simple image Simple to recall in a crisis

Flexible for any context

Universally applicable template

Consistent and team based

AIRWAY ASSESSMENT

ASSESS ABILITY TO ESTABLISH AIRWAY VI









CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FACTORS

AIRWAY HISTORY

PREDISPOSING CONDITIONS

APPEARANCE

DISTORTION

PATIENT

TRAUMA

OBESITY

MOUTH

NECK

SAFE APNOEA TIME

SITUATION

EMERGENCY

LOCATION

CLINICIAN

EXPERIENCE

FATIGUE



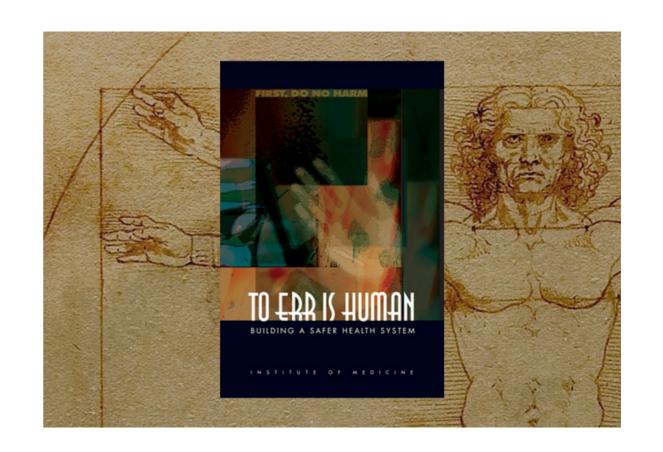


HUMAN FACTORS

Environmental influences

Team behaviors

Individual performance



ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

Anesthetists either do not conduct or actually disregard
their own pre-operative airway assessments, only to realize
following induction of anesthesia that their concerns were wellfounded.

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Airway Assessment

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Airway Assessment Made Easy VIA Score: 0-6

Factors

- Difficult mask ventilation (V)
- Difficult intubation (I)
- Risk of aspiration (A)





Score

- Easy (0)
- Difficult (I)
- Impossible (2)



Mask Ventilation (V)

0

П

7

bag/mask ventilation readily assured

SGA needed to ensure ventilation

impossible to ventilate

Truong AT, Truong DT. VIA score: a mnemonic for airway assessment and management. http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jclinane.2015.06.020

Intubation (I)

successful DL

advanced intubation device

unable to intubate

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Aspiration (A)

minimal risk

moderate

high risk

2

Final VIA Score

	risk	management	assistance
0	very low	routine induction	
I	low	cautious induction	
2	moderate	awake intubation	
3	high	awake intubation	surgeon available
4	very high	awake tracheostomy	surgeon
5-6	exceptionally high	fem-fem bypass	surgeon

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AIRWAY TIME OUT



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Respiration and the Airway

RESPIRATION AND THE AIRWAY

Guidelines for the management of tracheal intubation in critically ill adults

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College of Anaesthetists





Intubation Checklist: critically ill adults – to be done with whole team present. Intersive Care Medicine



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Prepare the patient	Prepare the equipment	Prepare the team	Prepare for difficulty
□ Reliable IV / IO access □ Optimise position □ Sit-up? □ Mattress hard □ Airway assessment □ Identify cricothyroid membrane □ Awake intubation option? □ Optimal preoxygenation □ 3 mins or ETO ₂ > 85% □ Consider CPAP / NIV □ Nasal O ₂ □ Optimise patient state □ Fluid / pressor/inotrope	□ Apply monitors □ SpO₂ / waveform ETCO₂ / ECG / BP □ Check equipment □ Tracheal tubes x 2 - cuffs checked □ Direct laryngoscopes x 2 □ Videolaryngoscope □ Bougie / stylet □ Working suction □ Supraglottic airways □ Guedel / nasal airways □ Flexible scope / Aintree □ FONA set □ Check drugs	□ Allocate roles One person may have more than one role. □ Team Leader □ 1st Intubator □ 2nd Intubator □ Cricoid force □ Intubator's assistant □ Drugs □ Monitoring patient □ Runner □ MILS (if indicated) □ Who will perform FONA? □ Who do we call for help?	□ Can we wake the patient if intubation fails? □ Verbalise "Airway Plan is:" □ Plan A: □ Drugs & laryngoscopy □ Plan B/C: Supraglottic airway Face-mask Fibreoptic intubation via supraglottic airway □ Plan D: FONA Scalpel-bougie-tube
☐ Aspirate NG tube ☐ Delayed sequence induction ☐ Allergies? ☐ ↑ Potassium risk? - avoid suxamethonium	☐ Consider ketamine ☐ Relaxant ☐ Pressor / inotrope ☐ Maintenance sedation	☐ Who is noting the time?	☐ Does anyone have questions or concerns?

Fig 2. Intubation checklist. Modified from checklist described in NAP4.¹¹ IV: intravenous. IO: intra-osseous. ETO₂: end-tidal oxygen. CPAP: continuous positive airway pressure. NIV: non-invasive ventilation. NG: naso-gastric.

ICU SETTING

Summary

- All ICU patients are "at risk" of complications during intubation
- MACOCHA score is a 7-item assessment with ICU-specific factors for DI
- Often emergent and unable to follow commands (like ED)
- Predictors of DMV and SGA ventilation have been described, but not validated in the ICU setting

De Jong A et al. Intubation in the ICU: we could improve our practice. Crit Care 2014;18:209

ICUSETTING

New Guidelines

- · Preparation of the multidisciplinary team and environment
- Modified airway assessment
- Pre and peri-oxygenation
- Hemodynamic management
- Primacy of RSI
- Optimal laryngoscopy (videolaryngoscopy)
- Unification of Plans B and C
- Choice of Front of Neck Airway (FONA)

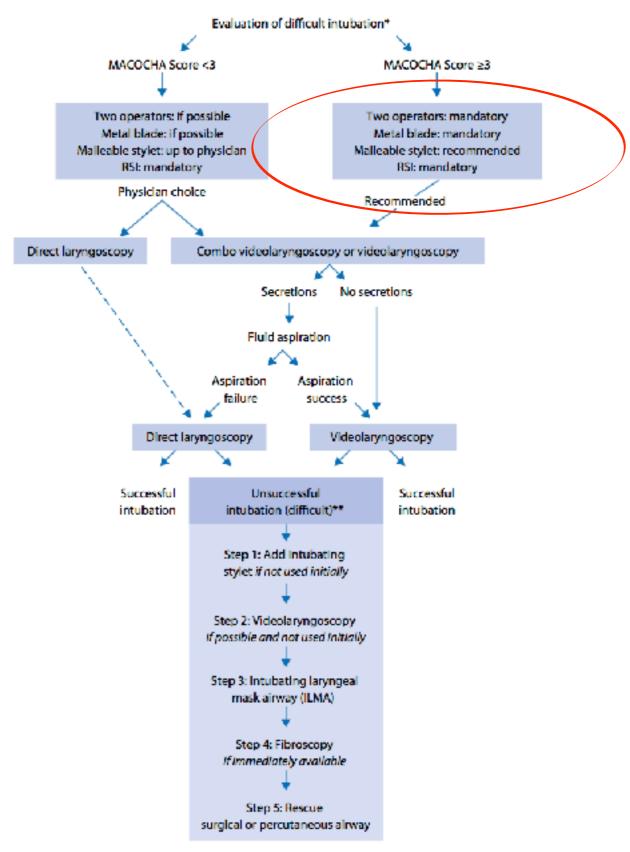
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	FACTORS	POINTS
M	Mallampati score III or IV	5
A	Apnea syndrome	2
C	Cervical spine limitation	I
0	Opening mouth < 3 cm	I
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≥3 DI predicts DI

in the critically ill

Figure 1. Airway management algorithm in the intensive care unit. The availability of equipment for management of a difficult airway is checked, During the whole procedure, the patient should be ventilated in case of desaturation < 80 %. In case of inadequate ventilation and unsuccessful intubation, emergency non-invasive airway ventilation (supra glottic airway) must be used. RSI: rapid sequence induction.



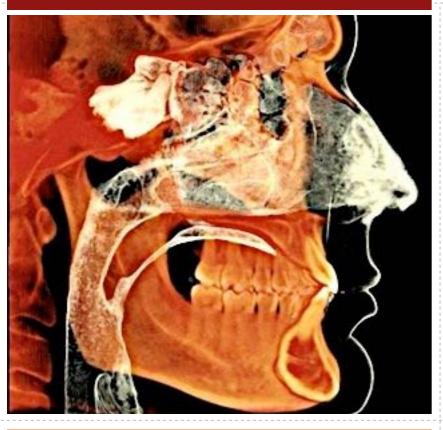


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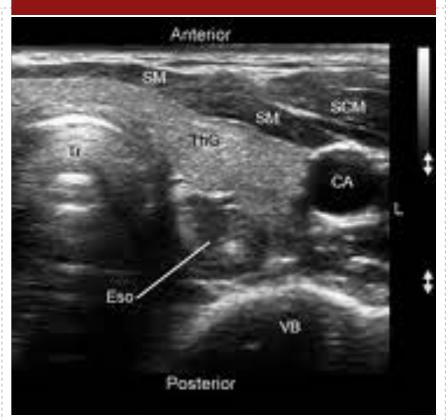
Facial Analysis and Difficult Airway Prediction

- Computer vs Practitioner
 - TMD, MP score, pictures of face
- Better prediction with computer
 - Humans don't strive for "accuracy"
 - Try harder to avoid false negative (fail to predict DA) vs false positive (call DA when not)
- Cost underprepared > over prepared









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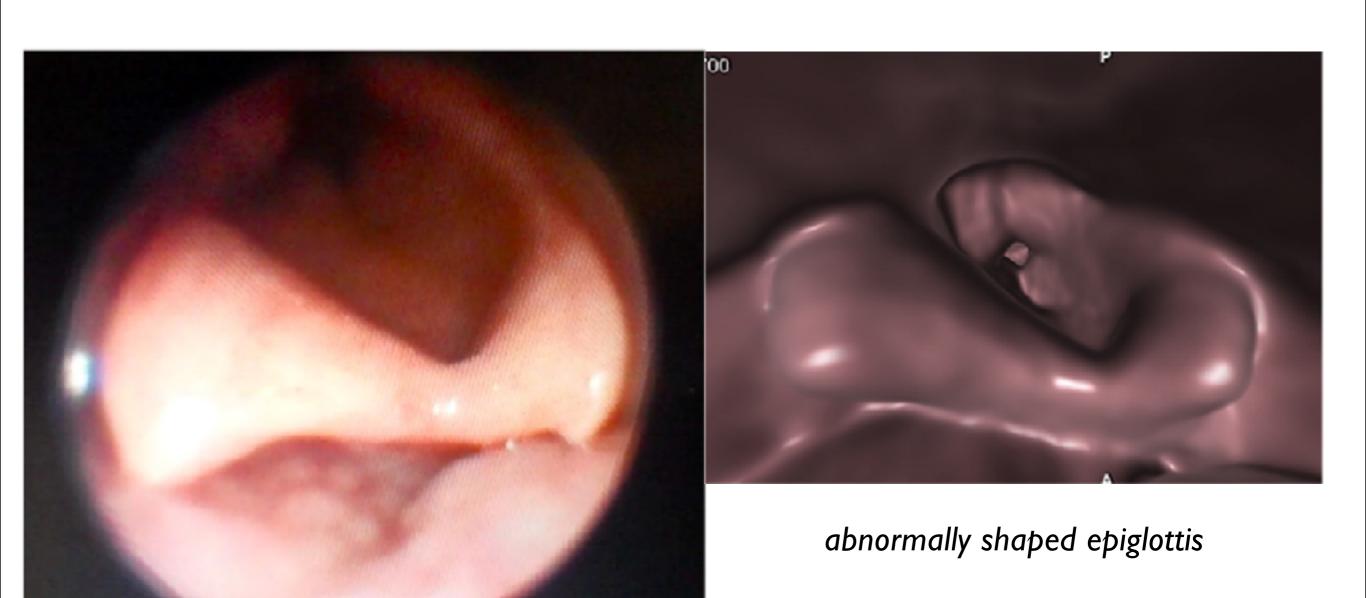
Ultrasound



VIRTUAL ENDOSCOPY (VE)

- free online multidimensional image navigation and display software OsiriX
- reconstructs 3D VE images of the airway from CT images
- facilitates an anatomically accurate reproduction of the endoscopic findings
- format easily interpreted

66 yo male for radical neck dissection as tx for a residual base of tongue carcinoma previous radiotherapy with dysphagia and reduced tongue protrusion



Ahmad I et al. J Clin Anes 2015; 27: 508-13

ADVANTAGES VE

- free online software, requires only a short period of self-training
- noninvasive
- allows a full assessment of airway, including subglottis and upper trachea
- plan management strategy for patients with preexisting airway pathology
- useful in teaching (students and patients) and research

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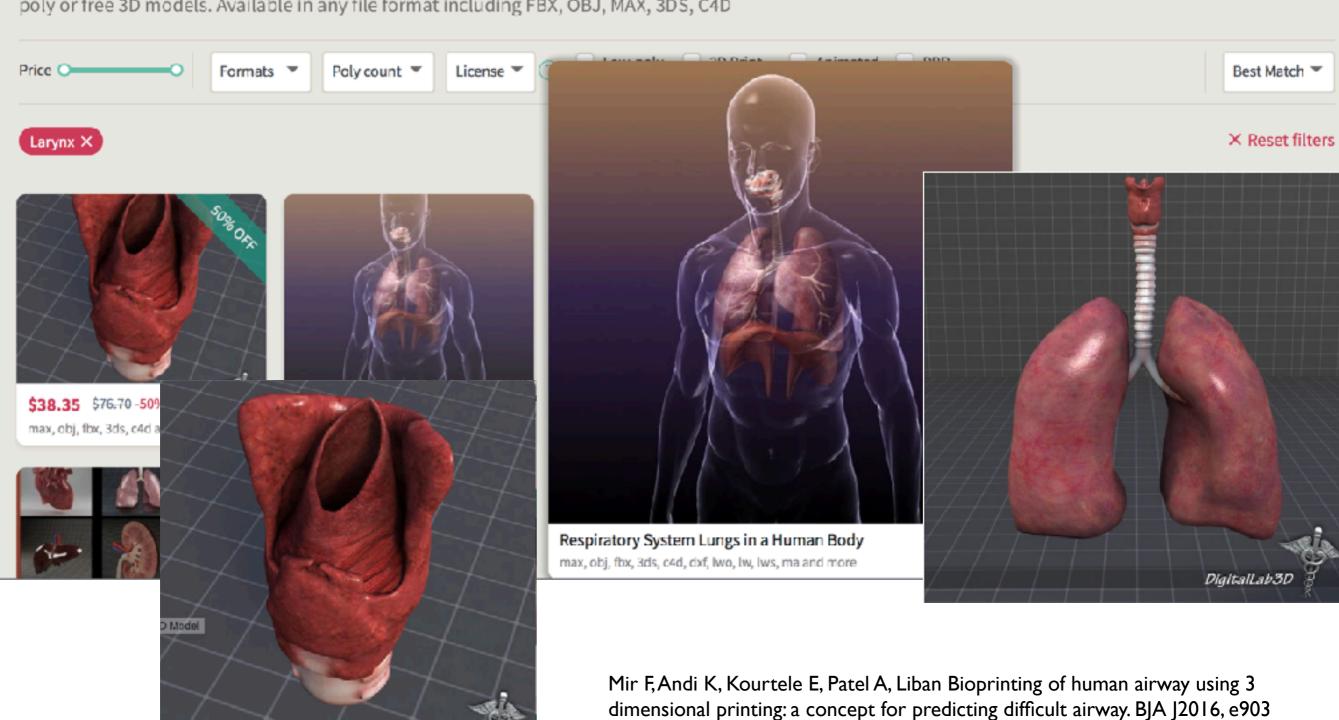
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dimensional printing: a concept for predicting difficult airway. BJA J2016, e903

The Ultrasound Probe in the Hands of the Anesthesiologist

A Powerful New Tool for Airway Management

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Table I. Important Airway Structures Visible on Ultrasound

MouthEpiglottisTracheaTongueLarynxEsophagusOropharynxVocal cordsStomachHypopharynxCricothyroid membraneLungsHyoid boneCricoid cartilagePleurae





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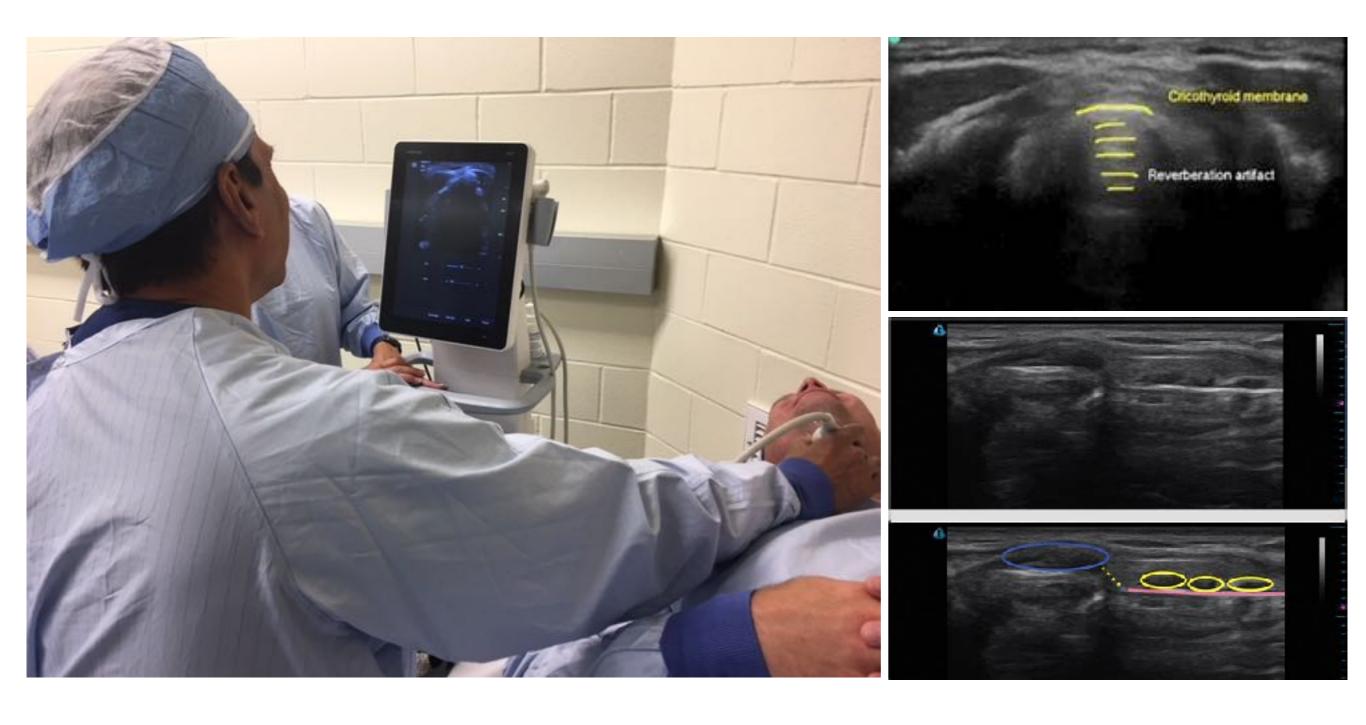
Special Issue

Ultrasonographic identification of the cricothyroid membrane: best evidence, techniques, and clinical impact

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- Identify the CTM before induction in ALL patients
- If inspection and palpation does not suffice, US should be used to locate the CTM

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Airway Triage

By St Mobile Anaesthesiology Service Holland

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+ This app is designed for both iPhone and iPad

\$2.99

Category: Medical

Released: Dec 15, 2017

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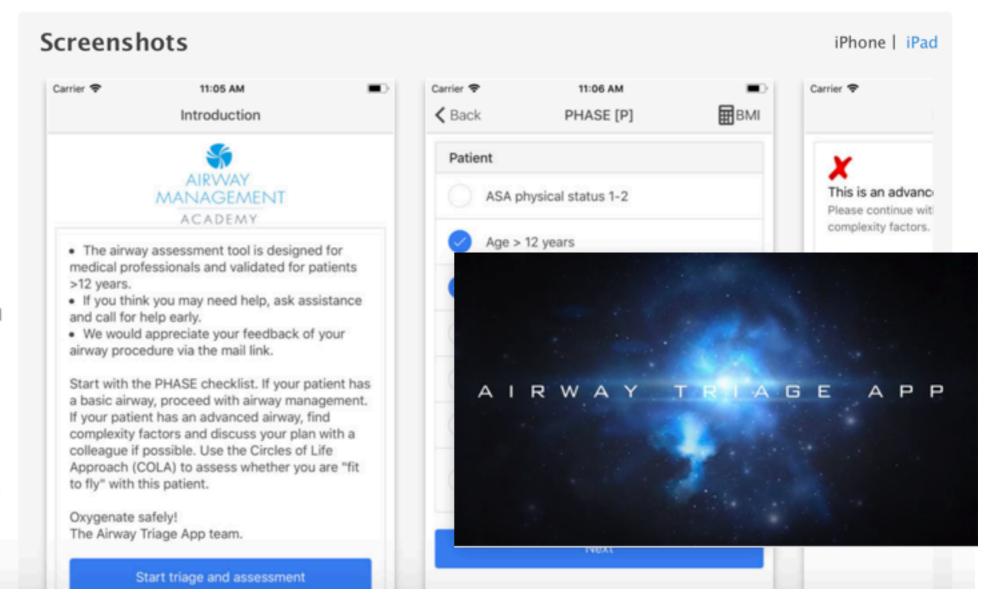
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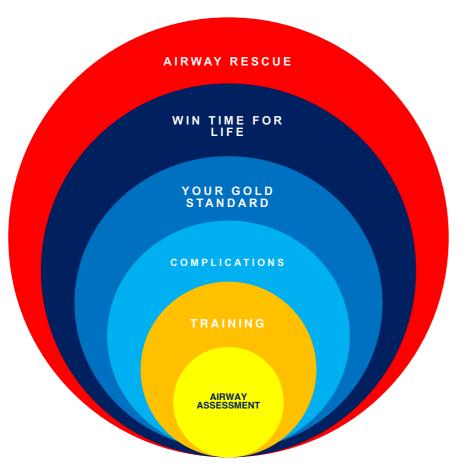
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- Triage airways into basic or advanced
- Find complexity factors and plan
- Circles of life approach to determine if help needed

• BOX 10.1 Preoperative Integration of the Components of the Airway Management Decision Process

Laryngoscopy

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Ventilation

- If ventilation is expected to be difficult, the practitioner may decide that the potential for difficult tracheal intubation AND difficult ventilation dictate alternative approaches including awake intubation or awake surgical airway.
- If ventilation is expected to be straightforward, the operator should consider the risk of aspiration of gastric contents.

Risk of Aspiration of Gastric Contents

- A patient who has been evaluated to have an airway that can be rapidly managed by tracheal intubation and is at risk of gastric contents aspiration may be managed with rapid sequence induction and intubation.
- A patient who is evaluated to possibly be difficult to manage with tracheal intubation, and is at risk of gastric contents aspiration, should not be managed with mask or SGA ventilation as an alternative. Alternative approaches including awake intubation or awake surgical airway should be considered.

Tolerance of Apnea

 In the patient who may be difficult to intubate, but perceived as straightforward to safely manage/rescue with a facemask or SGA, the risk of failure of rescue must be considered. If the patient is evaluated to be intolerant of apnea, the practitioner may choose to avoid a pathway that depends on ventilation success. Alternative approaches including awake intubation or awake surgical airway.





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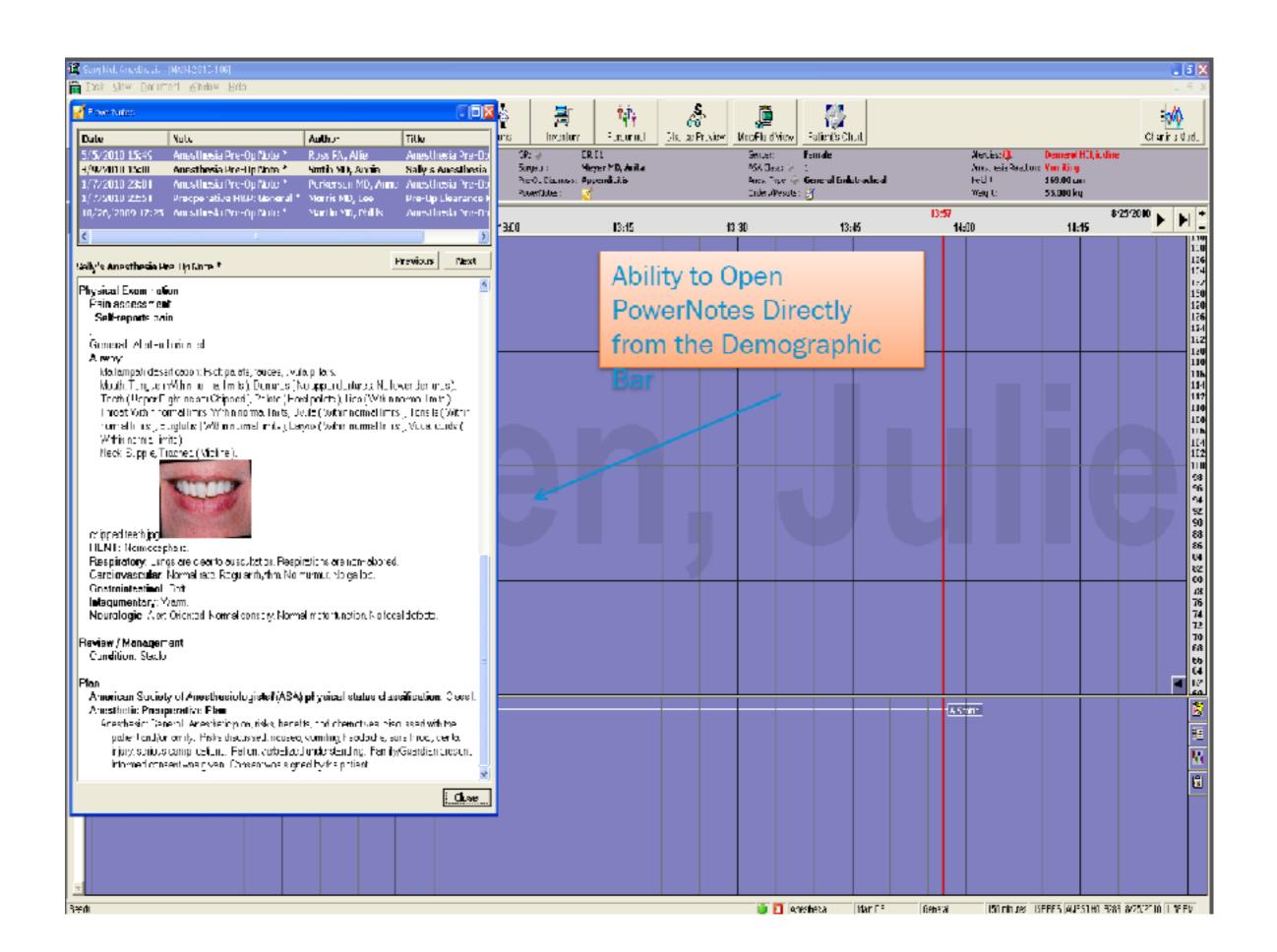
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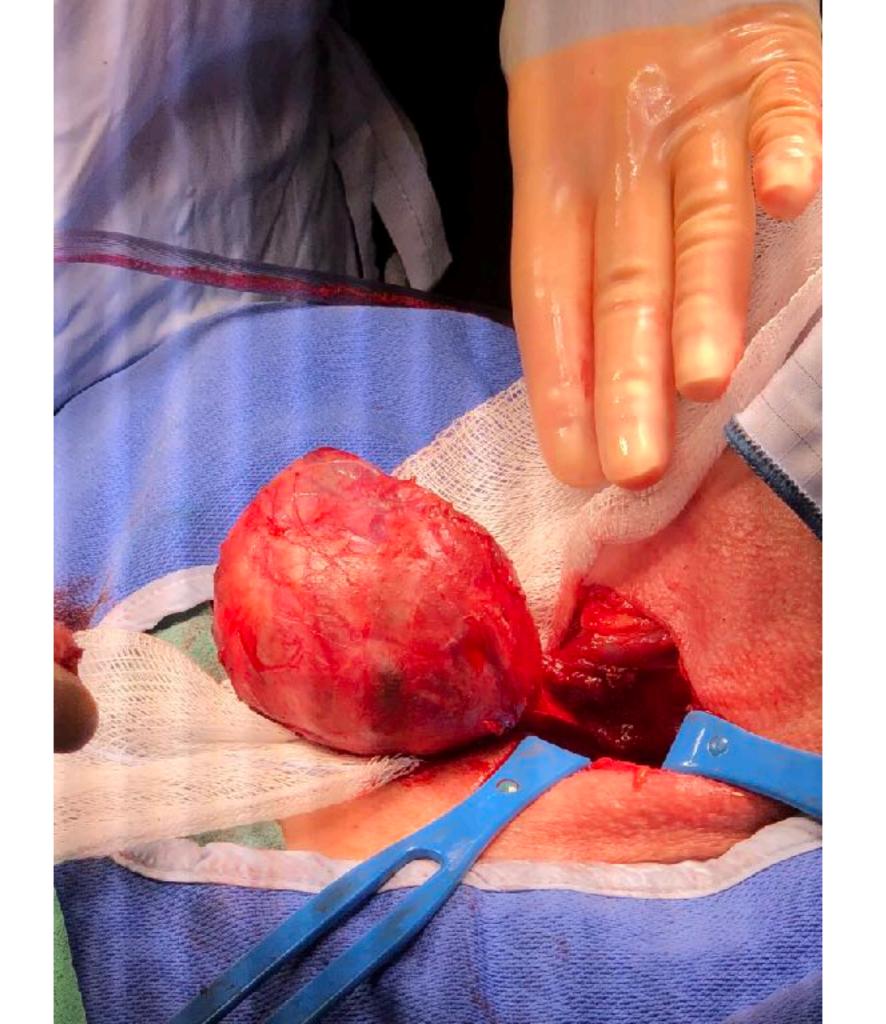




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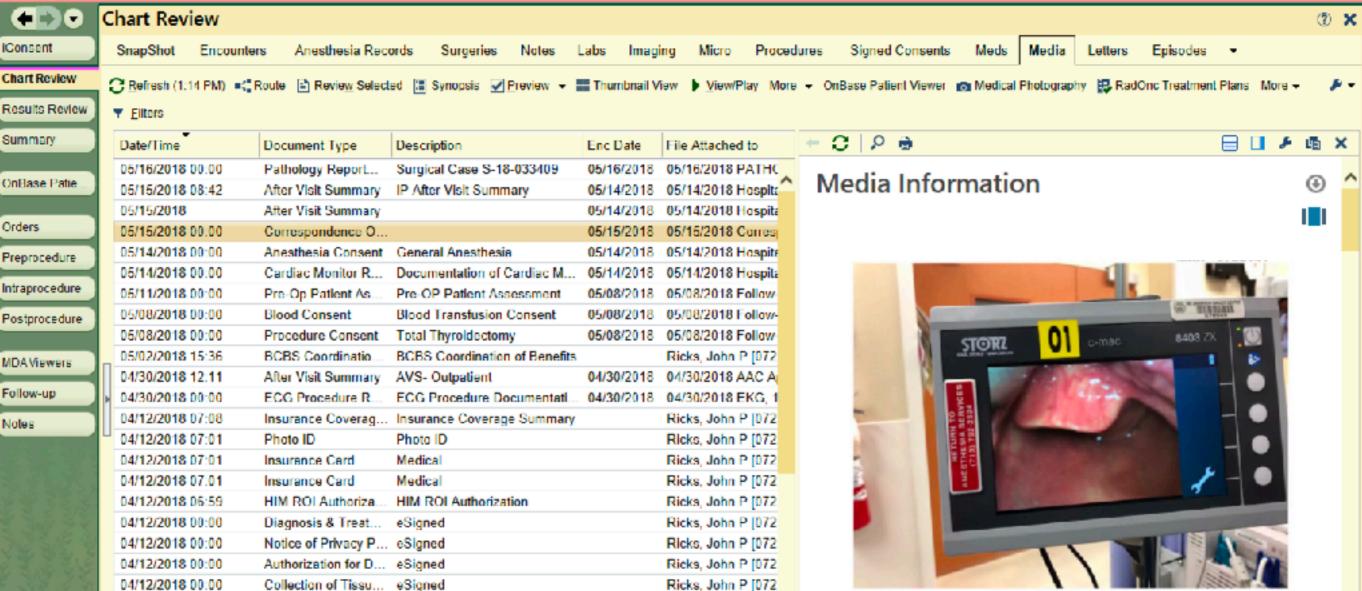




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TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- failure to assess and identify difficulty in airway management and the failure to incorporate these findings into a management strategy can contribute to a poor outcome
- a perfect airway assessment tool does not exist and unanticipated difficulty will still occur
- using multiple tests to predict difficulty in airway management is a better predictor than any single test used in isolation

TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- airway assessment forms the first part of any airway management strategy, leading to planning of drugs, equipment, and techniques to be used
- assessing for a difficult airway at extubation is equally important
- as practitioners, we must rise to the occasion and perform best
 practice; there can no longer be a disconnect in what we know and
 what we do; we need to be the strong link in the chain



Safest Assumption

Every Airway is Potentially a Difficult or Failed Airway

Be Prepared!

