

ANAESTHESIA EVENT REPORT – *Difficult Airway Advice*



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The patient was found to be difficult to:

intubate and/or ventilate

Anaesthetist: _____

Operation: _____

Hospital: _____

Date: _____

Patient number: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Attach patient
label here

Date of birth: _____

Mallampati assessment:

Grade I II III IV (please circle)

Ventilation by mask was:

Easy Difficult Not possible

The following airway adjuncts were useful: _____

Reasons for difficult intubation/ventilation included:

- Restricted mouth opening Short thyromental distance Receding jaw
 Prominent teeth Reduced neck mobility Other: _____
 Short neck Floppy/immobile epiglottis

Best view:

(Cormack & Lehane)

- Grade I (complete glottis visible)
 Grade II (anterior glottis is not visible)
 Grade III (epiglottis but not glottis visible)
 Grade IV (epiglottis is not visible)

Best view achieved by:

- Increased neck flexion Use of relaxants
 External laryngeal manipulation Other: _____

Patient's airway secured:

- Anaesthetised ETT#: _____ Other: _____
 Sedated LMA type: _____ Not secured – comment: _____
 Awake _____

Intubation technique:

- Blade type: _____ Blind nasal
 Introducer/stylet Cricothyroidotomy
 Gum elastic bougie Retrograde
 Fiberoptic bronchoscope Tracheostomy
 Laryngeal mask #/type: _____ Other: _____

Further comments:

Signature: _____ Print name: _____ Date: _____

Original – to be filed in medical records.

Photocopy – to be given to patient.

- Patient has received an ASA Medical Warning Card.

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The patient had a critical anaesthetic incident associated with surgery:

Anaesthetist: _____
Operation: _____
Hospital: _____
Date: _____

Patient number: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Date of birth: _____

Nature of incident:

Treatment:

Outcome:

EXAMPLE

Medical Defence notified?

Yes No

Hospital notified?

Yes No

Further comments:

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