

If the following don't look good, ask yourself 'should this be an awake intubation?' and/or 'am I ready to deal with the problems?'

Predict difficult laryngoscopy

MMAP

Measure 3-3-1

- 3 fingers of mouth opening
- 3 fingers from hyoid to mentum
- 1 finger of lower jaw protrusion

Mallampati

Atlanto-occipital extension

- (limitation of)

Pathology

- bleeding, obstruction etc

Predict difficult supra-glottic rescue device use

MoODS

Mouth opening

- limited

Obstruction

- at or below the glottic opening (foreign body, tumour)

Distortion

- displacement or disruption of the airway

Stiff lungs or chest wall

- eg. bronchospasm

Predict difficult Bag-Valve-Mask ventilation

BOOTS

Beard

Obesity

Older (over 55)

Toothless

Sounds - snoring, stridor, stiff lungs

Predict difficult cricothyroidotomy

DART

Distortion of the anatomy.

Access issues- obesity, limited head extension

Radiation - previous radiotherapy to the neck

Tumour