

# Unexpected Difficult Intubation

## Basic Rules

Ensure adequate level of anaesthesia and muscle paralysis  
Use laryngeal pressure or BURP

**Failed**

Maintain oxygenation, ventilation and anaesthesia

**Call for help**

## Failed Intubation Plan A\*

Use improved direct laryngoscopic technique/conditions or  
Use indirect laryngoscopic technique  
Limit to 2 intubation attempts

**Failed**

Maintain oxygenation, ventilation and anaesthesia

Consider surgery with LMA

## Failed Intubation Plan B

Insert LMA  
Perform fiberoptic tracheal intubation through the LMA  
Limit to 2 intubation attempts

**Failed**

Maintain oxygenation, ventilation and anaesthesia

Wake-up

Ventilate through LMA

Emergency surgery with LMA

\*Rapid sequence induction intubation – Ensure deep anaesthesia and paralysis, oxygenate and ventilate via face mask or via LMA