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Use of the Airtraq as the primary technique to manage anticipated difficult airway: a report of three cases

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Three patients with failed Intubation after three attempts with different blades. In all ett was easily placed at the first attempt.

We argue that in this situation the **Airtraq may be a safe and effective primary technique to secure the airway**. However, we would not recommend this alternative in patients with predictors of difficult ventilations, if a supraglottic device cannot be use (limited mouth opening), in those patients at high risk of aspiration, if an apneic period cannot be tolerated, or in patients with gross deformities of the upper airway.

	BMI	TDM	IID	MP	MI C L	AT CL	Time to view	Time to cuff inflation
	(kg/m ²)	(cm)	(cm)		view	view	(s)	(sec)
C a s e 1	26.4	6	4.0	II	IV	I	12	16
C a s e 2	29.7	5	4.5	III	III	I	15	19
C a s e 3	21	6	3.0	III	III	I	9	14