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### **Use of the Airtraq® as a rescue airway device following failed awake flexible fiberoptic nasotracheal intubation of a patient with severe microsomia**

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We attempted awake fiberoptic nasotracheal intubation following topical anesthesia with 4% lidocaine spray three times to induce general anesthesia for distraction osteogenesis of mandibular bone. However, due to a shallow pharyngeal cavity and cranially displaced larynx, we failed to locate the larynx each time and were therefore not able to intubate the patient.

**Awake orotracheal intubation using the AOL allowed us to easily intubate the patient. Therefore, we recommend that the AOL be used as a rescue airway device for intubation of difficult airways.**

