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Intubation with Airtraq laryngoscope in a morbidly obese patient

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A 35yr old woman with 105kg weight and 1`60cm height was admitted to the operating room for a total abdominal hysterectomy.

The preoperative airway assessment anticipated both difficult bag ventilation and intubation.

The Airtraq helped to intubate this morbidly obese woman who had a BMI of 41kg/m² within 12 seconds.

The Airtraq shortened the duration of intubation and prevented a reduction in the oxygen saturation. Hemodynamic changes (heart rate blood pressure) were minimal.