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Effect of cricoid pressure on the laryngoscopic view by Airtraq in elective caesarean section: a pilot study

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The purpose of this observational study was to assess the effect of cricoid pressure on the ease and time for successful intubation using the Airtraq optical laryngoscope to **10 consecutive pregnant patients.**

Once consciousness was lost, double-handed cricoid pressure was applied by another anaesthesiologist with the head and neck in the optimal intubating position and maintained until the airway was secured using a tracheal tube.

The trachea for all parturients was successfully intubated at the first attempt without the need for any external manipulation. **In the presence of cricoid pressure using the Airtraq, the mean duration of intubation was 25.8 s, which is markedly shorter than using Macintosh laryngoscopy in our previous report [6].**