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The Use of Airtraq video laryngoscope For Endotracheal Intubation in Intensive Care Unit

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A six month observational study was conducted at this hospital from June 2009 to December 2009 to assess the use of Airtraq in the ICU setting. Number of attempted intubations, failures & difficulties were recorded. During the period of study 20 patients were involved (15 males and 5 female). In six patients the Airtraq was used after failure in direct laryngoscopy. **A full view was achieved in all patients with Airtraq & all patients were intubated with Airtraq at the first attempt. No complications were documented.**

The authors conclude that the most important intubation guideline is the one that defines the best backup method to secure the airway when direct laryngoscopy has failed. **The authors state: Our experience suggest that the Airtraq could be a good choice**