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## **Tracheal intubation in polytraumatized patients using the Airtraq First experiences of a new pre-hospital emergency service**

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**Case 1.** A 33 year-old male patient who had fallen from a second floor, was treated at the scene by a pre-hospital emergency service. On arrival he was unconscious, with a **Glasgow Coma Scale Score of 3** He was placed in a cervical collar, with a chin support brace, and intubated with the Airtraq in barely 15 seconds, without removing the cervical collar from its place or making any minimum significant neck movement.

**Case 2.** A 78 year-old male patient who had fallen from a height of 5 metres was treated at the scene of the accident by the pre-hospital emergency service. We suspected he could suffer **moderate craniocerebral trauma** because his rating on the Glasgow Coma Scale Score, (GCS) had dropped from 14 to 12 during the first few minutes, as well as diaphragm trauma and abdominal trauma. **In 20 seconds he was intubated using the Airtraq after he had been applied cervical collar and his head immobilized** (the manoeuvre included the visualization of the glottis by an accompanying doctor).