

Anaesthetic Management of a Huge Oropharyngeal Mass

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Abstract : Introduction: Patients with oropharyngeal masses pose a challenge for an anaesthetist in terms of ventilation and tracheal intubation. Thus, preoperative assessment and preparation become an integral part of managing such anticipated difficult airway cases. Case report: A 45- year old female presented with growth in the oropharynx causing dysphagia and hoarseness of voice. Clinical examination and investigations predicted a difficult airway. It was managed with fiberoptic nasotracheal intubation with a successful perioperative outcome. Tracheostomy was kept as plan B in case of the CSCI situation. Conclusion: Careful preoperative examination and assessment is required to prepare oneself for difficult airway. Fiberoptic bronchoscope-guided nasotracheal intubation in a spontaneously breathing patient is a safe and successful airway management technique in difficult airway cases.

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