

## DIFFICULT AIRWAY ALGORITHM

1. Assess the likelihood and clinical impact of basic management problems:
  - Difficulty with patient cooperation or consent
  - Difficult mask ventilation
  - Difficult supraglottic airway placement
  - Difficult laryngoscopy
  - Difficult intubation
  - Difficult surgical airway access
2. Actively pursue opportunities to deliver supplemental oxygen throughout the process of difficult airway management.
3. Consider the relative merits and feasibility of basic management choices:
  - Awake intubation vs. intubation after induction of general anesthesia
  - Non-invasive technique vs. invasive techniques for the initial approach to intubation
  - Video-assisted laryngoscopy as an initial approach to intubation
  - Preservation vs. ablation of spontaneous ventilation
4. Develop primary and alternative strategies:

