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:

   **Awake Intubation**
   - Airway approached by Noninvasive intubation
   - Invasive Airway Access\(^{(b)}\)
   - Succeed\(^{*}\)
   - Fail
   - Cancel Case
   - Consider feasibility of other options\(^{(a)}\)
   - Invasive airway access\(^{(b)}\)

   **Intubation After Induction of General Anesthesia**
   - Initial intubation attempts successful\(^{*}\)
   - Initial intubation Attempts UNSUCCESSFUL
   - From this point onwards consider:
     1. Calling for help.
     2. Returning to spontaneous ventilation.
     3. Awakening the patient.

   **Face Mask Ventilation Adequate**
   - Nonemergency Pathway
     - Ventilation adequate, intubation unsuccessful
     - Alternative approaches to intubation\(^{(c)}\)
     - Successful Intubation\(^{*}\)
     - Fail after multiple attempts
       - Invasive airway access\(^{(b)}\)
       - Consider feasibility of other options\(^{(a)}\)
   - Face Mask Ventilation NOT Adequate
     - Consider/Attempt SGA
       - SGA Adequate\(^{*}\)
       - SGA Not Adequate or Not Feasible
       - Emergency Pathway
         - Ventilation not adequate, intubation unsuccessful
         - Call for help
         - Emergency noninvasive airway ventilation\(^{(e)}\)
         - Successful ventilation\(^{*}\)
         - Fail
         - Emergency invasive airway access\(^{(b)}\)