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To whom it may concern,

Re: Patient's Name _____

This patient was found to be difficult to intubate in the Operating Room at the Kingston General Hospital / Hotel Dieu Hospital.

Difficulty was:

- Unpredicted
 Predicted because: _____

Reasons for difficulty included:

- Prominent teeth Reduced neck mobility Large tongue
 Anterior larynx Reduced mouth opening Immobile epiglottis
 Other: _____

Manual bag/mask ventilation was:

- Easy Difficult Impossible

The patient's airway was ultimately secured:

- Awake Asleep Could not be secured

using:

- Alternative blade: _____ Laryngeal mask # _____ Retrograde technique
 Stylet/Gum elastic bougie Light wand Cricothyrotomy
 Fiberoptic bronchoscope Blind nasal Tracheostomy
 Other: _____

My recommendation for future anesthetics is:

- Induction with short-acting agent and alternative techniques readily available
 Awake intubation after topical anesthesia.
 Other: _____

Further comments:

For any further information, please use the address and telephone numbers above.

Yours sincerely;

Signature of Physician



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To the patient:

During most general anesthetics (sleep for surgery) it is necessary to put a breathing tube into the patient's trachea (windpipe).

This tube assures oxygen flow to the lungs, heart, brain, and other vital organs.

It is more difficult to place the breathing tube for you than in most other people.

It is very important that you show this form to any anesthetist taking care of you in the future.

Your anesthetist will be in a much better position to take good care of you if warned of this situation.

We strongly suggest that you get and wear a Medic Alert Bracelet stating: "Difficult Tracheal Intubation".

If you have questions at any time regard this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Anesthesiology at the Kingston General Hospital.

Yours sincerely;

Signature of Physician