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Date: _____

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.

Cormack-Lehane score: _____

Difficulty was:

Unpredicted

Predicted due to: _____ Mallampati _____

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

Unconscious

Could not be secured

Tube size: _____ Tube type: _____

using:

Alternative blade: _____

Laryngeal mask # _____

Retrograde technique

Stylet/Gum elastic bougie

Lighted stylet

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 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.

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 Hospital.

Yours sincerely;

Signature of Physician

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