Airway management for Otolaryngologic Surgeries

General anaesthesia is always challenging for Otolaryngologic surgeries. Both surgeon and anaesthetist share the common critical pathway of breathing for their work. A thorough continuous communication is mandatory between for mutual comfort and optimal results.

Sometimes they are encountered with unconventional situations, decreasing the safety window significantly for successful surgical outcome.

We present few interesting cases of difficult airway situations, where we had to resort unconventional or not routinely used methods to overcome specific problems and risks.

The range of interventions may spread from simple nasopharyngeal airway to Cardiopulmonary bypass in selected cases.

We will also detail anaesthesiologist's mindset while dealing with difficult airway cases undergoing Otolaryngologic surgery, also involving the same airway.