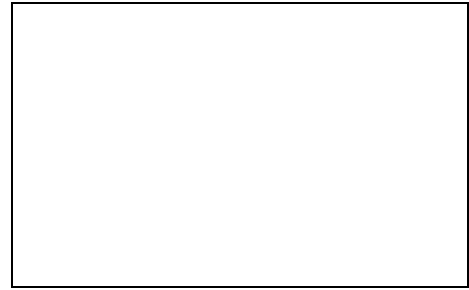




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**Difficult Airway Form—Patient**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 people.

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

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

You may consider getting and wearing a Medic Alert Bracelet stating: "Difficult Tracheal Intubation".

Yours sincerely,

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Signature of Physician