Unanticipated difficult tracheal intubation during routine induction of anaesthesia in an adult patient

**Plan A: Initial tracheal intubation plan**

Direct laryngoscopy - check:
- Neck flexion and head extension
- Laryngoscope technique and vector
- External laryngeal manipulation - by laryngoscopist
- Vocal cords open and immobile
- If poor view: Introducer (bougie) - seek clicks or hold-up and/or Alternative laryngoscope

**Plan B: Secondary tracheal intubation plan**

ILMA™ or LMA™
- Not more than 2 insertions
- Oxygenate and ventilate
- failed intubation via ILMA™ or LMA™

**Plan C: Maintenance of oxygenation, ventilation, postponement of surgery and awakening**

Revert to face mask
- Oxygenate and ventilate
- Reverse non-depolarising relaxant
- 1 or 2 person mask technique (with oral ± nasal airway)

**Plan D: Rescue techniques for "can't intubate, can't ventilate" situation**

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Difficult Airway Society Guidelines Flow-chart 2004 (use with DAS guidelines paper)