



Document/Form Name: **Difficult Airway Patient Notification Letter**

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Date (dd-Mon-yyyy): _____

To Whom It May Concern:

Patient: _____

Date of Birth (dd-Mon-yyyy): _____

Alberta Health Number: _____

To the Patient:

During your recent surgery, you required a breathing tube in your windpipe (trachea) to provide oxygen flow to the lungs, heart, brain, and other vital organs. It is harder to place a breathing tube in your windpipe than expected.

If you require a breathing tube in the future it is very important that your anesthesiologist, surgeon or other physician know of this difficulty. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you tell or show this letter to any physician taking care of you in the future. Your physicians will be in a much better position to take good care of you if warned of this situation.

Please get and wear a Medic-Alert bracelet that states "Difficult Airway Intubation"

Complications:

A mild sore throat is common after having a breathing tube.

If you have a sore throat that does not go away or gets more painful, difficulty swallowing, or a fever, **immediately** go to the **closest emergency room** and let the staff know you had a breathing tube inserted with difficulty during your recent hospital stay.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the physician listed below.

Sincerely,

Physician Name

Contact Information