**Case 4-Difficult airway**

**A 35-year-old woman presents for laparoscopic lysis of adhesions. Her first laparotomy occurred 10 years prior to this admission. At that time, the process of tracheal intubation consumed 1 hour. She awakened with a very sore throat, but does not know the details of the intubation.**

**The old records are unavailable.**

* **What are the predictors of difficult mask ventilation?**
* **Discuss the risk factors for difficult intubation.?**
* **How is the anticipated difficult intubation approached?**
* **Describe the management options for a patient who, after induction of anesthesia, unexpectedly cannot be intubated with a Macintosh blade. This patient has a good mask airway.**
* **Following induction of anesthesia, ventilation by facemask and intubation are impossible. What maneuvers may help?**
* **How is successful tracheal intubation verified?**
* **Following a difficult intubation, how is postoperative extubation managed?**