

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT/TITLE: 107-FIBEROPTIC INTUBATION

POLICY: Fiberoptic Intubation

PURPOSE: Fiberoptic intubation plays an important part in the management of a difficult airway and is part of the difficult airway algorithm¹.

DEPARTMENTS: ANESTHESIOLOGY

DEFINITIONS: The fiberoptic bronchoscope provides flexibility and maneuverability to assist with a tracheal intubation.

PROCEDURE:

- 1) Indications may include, but are not limited to: Unstable neck or chance of spinal cord compression during tracheal intubation, inability to open the mouth (fractured mandible), known difficult to intubate, difficult/unusual airway anatomy, neck mass, certain cases of morbid obesity, unusual airway issues.
- 2) Fiberoptic scopes are kept in the Anesthesia equipment storage areas.
- 3) Fiberoptic intubation is a component of the American Society of Anesthesiologists difficult airway algorithm.

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References:¹ Awake Fiberoptic Intubation Protocols in the Operating Room for Anticipated Difficult Airway: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials
Cabrini, Luca MD*,†; et.al. Anesthesia & Analgesia: May 2019 - Volume 128 - Issue 5 - p 971-980

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