

Workshop: Upper Airway Management in Thyroid Surgery

Airway management in patients with goiters is always challenging for anesthesiologists and surgeons providing clinical management of such patients. There are various reasons for that namely;

- i. Tracheal deviation and compression because of large swelling and mass in front of trachea
- ii. Variable intra-thoracic extension, compressing intrathoracic part of trachea
- iii. Inability to get surgical airway access like tracheostomy / cricothyroidotomy because of presence of goiter

Duration: This 3-hour workshop is aimed to provide practical knowledge, tips and tricks in dealing with such cases.

Target Audiences:

Anesthesiologists, Surgeons, Postgraduate students, dealing with goiter patients or any other surgical patients with difficult airway.

Objectives of workshop:

1. Preoperative clinical assessment of difficult airway with various clinical tools
2. Importance of radiological workup and interpretation of images, to aid in decision making for airway management
3. Gadgets and tools for Intubation of such patients
4. How to choose most appropriate strategy for securing airway
5. Presentation of some interesting cases for better understanding