

# **W sprawie „trudnej” tracheotomii**

In the case of "difficult" tracheostomy

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## **Summary**

Difficulties from open surgical procedures are common. The severity and frequency of these occurrences depends on several factors: anatomic, physiologic, kind of local pathology and skills and experience of operator. The incidents of undesired outcomes during tracheostomy can not be exactly predicted because of interactions of the above issues. This paper considers some of the difficulties observed in our department from January 2000 to July 2007. Tracheostomy is usually a safe procedure, but complications can be high in the following conditions: morbid obesity, a short and thick neck, cervical stiffness, tumors and infiltrations of the neck, thyroid gland tumors.