



# UCL

## Airway Matters

Explore key concepts underlying safe, multidisciplinary airway management with this free course for all health professionals.



The safe management of a patient's airway is one of the most challenging and complex tasks undertaken by a health professional - complications can lead to devastating outcomes.

How can we improve safety, prevent complications, and be prepared to manage them when they arise? How, in a crisis, can we ensure that all human and technical resources are best utilised?

This UCL course will answer these key questions, and help you develop strategies to improve patient safety in your area of practice. The content has been carefully designed to provide an up-to-date and practical educational experience, with learners accessing comprehensive course materials developed in collaboration with leading experts, frontline clinicians, and patients.

**Duration**  
**5 weeks**

**4 hours**  
**per week**

**FREE**  
**online**  
**course**

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## What will you achieve?

During this course you will:

- Improve your strategies to deal with the unexpected difficult airway and explore guidelines to use in special circumstances.
- Identify the key learning points and recommendations from the 4th National Audit Project (NAP4) on major complications of airway management in the UK.
- Apply the principles of multidisciplinary planning, communication and teamwork in shared airways interventions.
- Describe the technical and non-technical aspects of safe airway management for patients undergoing elective or emergency surgery, and the critically ill.
- Engage in a global discussion on airway matters with health professionals from around the world.

## Who is the course for?

This course is designed for all members of the multidisciplinary team who provide airway support to patients or care for patients with compromised airways.

- Anaesthetists
- Anaesthesia Associates
- Operating Department Practitioners
- Adult and Paediatric Intensivists
- Prehospital Care and Emergency Department Doctors
- Head and Neck Surgeons
- Nurses (Anaesthesia, Theatre, Recovery, Intensive Care, Emergency Department)
- Physiotherapists
- Paramedics
- Members of the Cardiac Arrest Team

**"My physiotherapist's ability to adapt and treat me like a person (not just a patient) is what got me through this challenging time. She made me part of the process - like things were being done WITH me, not TO me"**

*Ms Jen Taylor  
Head and Neck patient*

**"Many of the recommendations from NAP4 are description of basic good airway care: assessing the patient and developing a strategy according to the findings of your assessment and communicate it all around you"**

*Prof Tim Cook, Bath*

**"Airway safety is inter built in what we do, and we can get better both technically and non-technically; it's a team approach with good communication and continuous learning"**

*Dr Barry McGuire, Difficult Airway Society President*

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