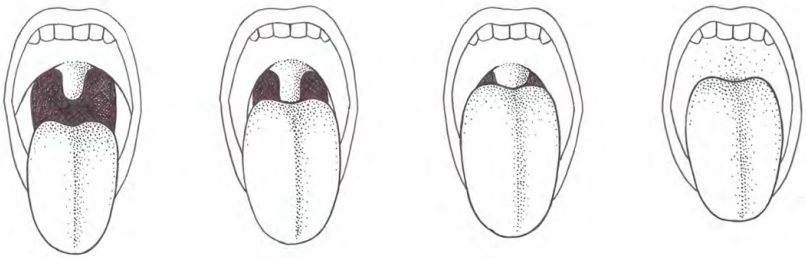
Appendix 5: Evaluation of the airway for sedation

Lemon law:[8]

L	Look externally for any malformations of the face
E	Evaluation 3-3-2; (3 fingers between upper and lower jaw to assess mouth opening; 3 fingers between the hyoid and chin; 2 fingers can fit in between hyoid and thyroid cartilage)
M	Mallampati; look for position of uvula. If difficult to see, airway compromised.
O	Obstruction, look for signs of obstruction (e.g. wheezing, stridor)
N	Neck mobility, evaluate flexion and extension of neck

Mallampati classification for prediction of difficult intubation:[9]

The score is assessed by asking the patient to open his or her mouth as wide as possible.



1. Class I: Soft palate, uvula visible. Sedation can be done.
2. Class II: Soft palate, portion of uvula visible. Sedation can be done.
3. Class III: Soft palate, base of uvula visible. Not for sedation outside the operating theatre.
4. Class IV: Only hard palate visible (soft palate not visible). Not for sedation outside the operating theatre.