

The Mallampati score is a classification system used to predict the ease of endotracheal intubation based upon the anatomical structures visible during examination. A Mallampati score of 3 or 4 is associated with increased risk for difficult intubation.

Mallampati I

Soft palate, entire uvula, fauces, tonsillar pillars



Mallampati II

Soft palate, majority of uvula, fauces



Mallampati III

Soft palate, base of uvula.



Mallampati IV

Only hard palate

