

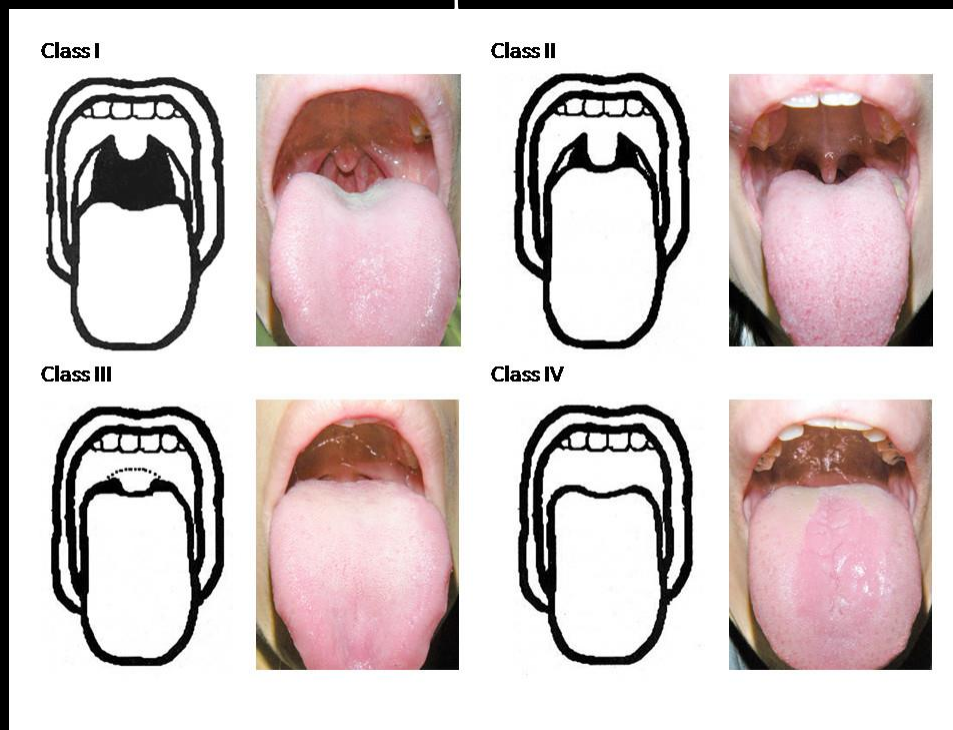


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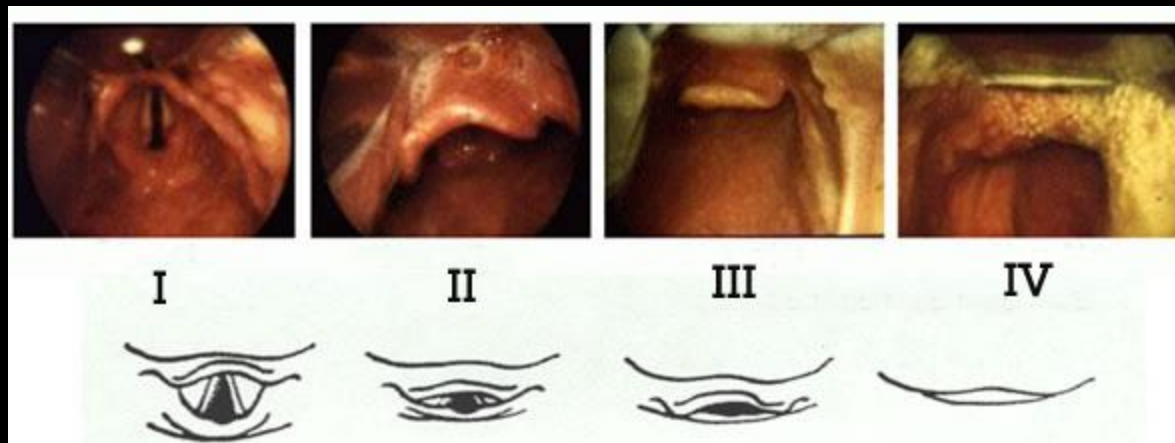
When looking at an airway there are multiple ways to grade an airway.

If the patient is *awake and able to follow commands* you can grade the airway using the Mallampati classification:



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If the patient undergoes intubation attempt then the airway grading is done via direct visualization using the Cormack Lehane classification:



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With this said why is it important to classify the airway?

- This will allow you to give a clinical picture of the airway versus saying “the patient was very anterior...”