The Use of the Laryngeal Mask Airway in Post-Tonsillectomy Haemorrhage—
A Case Report

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Abstract

Introduction: The use of the laryngeal mask airway in elective adenotonsillectomy has been well described. However, there is no literature to support its use in post-tonsillectomy haemorrhage. Clinical Picture: We report a case of a patient who presented with primary post-tonsillectomy haemorrhage, which required general anaesthesia for haemostasis after undergoing bilateral functional endoscopic sinus surgery, uvulopalatopharyngoplasty and tonsillectomy. Treatment and Outcome: The laryngeal mask airway was used successfully after an initial attempt at endotracheal intubation had failed. There were no complications. Conclusion: The laryngeal mask airway can be used to secure the airway for haemostasis for post-tonsillectomy haemorrhage if intubation is not possible.

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