Difficult Mask Ventilation: OBESE

Five predictors of difficult bag-mask ventilation: the more there are, the harder it gets

O — **Obesity**
body mass index > 26 kg/m²

B — **Beard**
facial hair

E — **Edentulous**
no teeth: the mask seals worse

S — **Snoring or sleep apnea**
obstructive sleep apnea or daily snoring

E — **Elderly**
age > 55 years

Not the same
Difficult intubation: Mallampati, thyromental

Most critical
Cannot ventilate and cannot intubate

Be prepared
Supraglottic device, videolaryngoscope

Missing teeth make intubation easier but mask ventilation harder: that is why edentulism is part of OBESE