



Difficult Airway Society

DAS Difficult Airway Registry: **FAQs for doctors**

How can my hospital join the project?

Information Governance (IG) approval is required from your hospital before you can join the DAS Difficult Airway Registry (DAR). This can be obtained from either the IG department or Caldicot Guardian. The project involves data sharing outside your hospital, so this approval is crucial. The following documents outline how to obtain the necessary approval. If you require further information please contact dad@das.uk.com

Once we have the appropriate evidence of approval - this can be an e mail from the IG Department or the Caldicot Guardian- we will add your hospital to the database, and you can start submitting the data

How is 'Difficult Airway' defined for the purposes of this database?

We recognise that there are different definitions for difficult airway. We have not set any specific criteria with regards to what type or level of difficulty for entry into the database. If you, as an experienced anaesthetist, feel that the information you provide will have a positive impact in the future management of your patient's airway, then you can enter your patient into the database with the patient's consent.

Who can enter information in the database?

Any doctor adequately trained in airway management can create an entry in the database. We expect this is likely to be senior anaesthetist of at least four years of clinical experience in anaesthesia . If you are an anaesthetist of any grade who is not an autonomous practitioner, please discuss with your supervisor before submitting the case.

Who can access information?

The database is open to all doctors working in the UK with GMC registration. However, in view of patient confidentiality, you must register with the DAR using your GMC number to access the database. Please refer to the 'Getting Started' file for details.

How do I access the database? Do I need to be a DAS member?

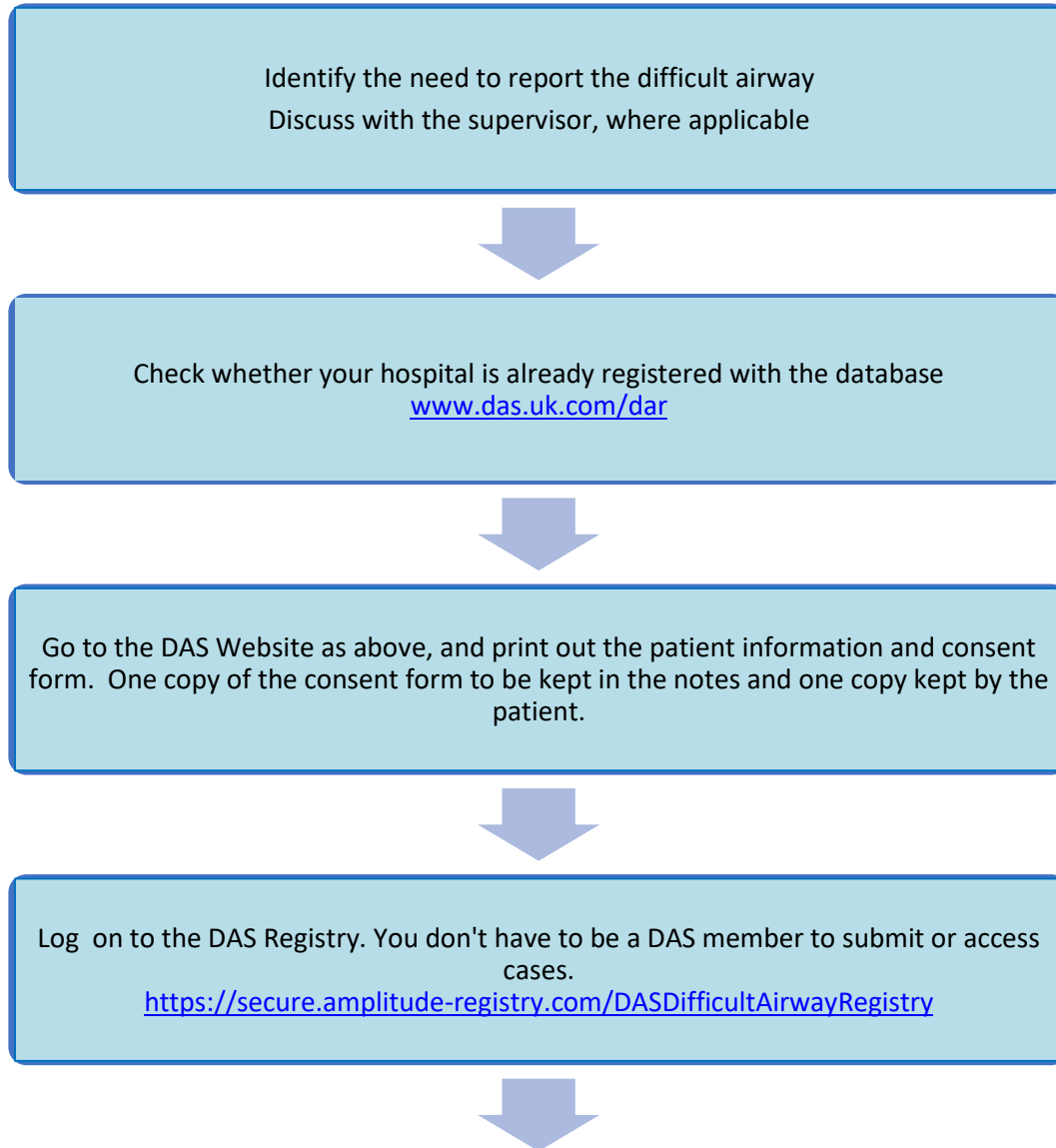
Any GMC registered doctor in the UK can access the database to get clinical information about a patient. You need to be registered with the DAR/Amplitude platform before being able to submit or look up cases.



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What is the process to follow when I encounter a difficult airway?

This flowchart below will explain the sequence of events that should happen once you identify a patient with a difficult airway.



Please do not send any patient related documents to DAS at any point. If you have any questions, please email dad@das.uk.com