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Im 68 years old with severe asthma and complex airway disease since early childhood. Ive been intubated 55 times (Yes, you read that correctly). Last intubation was April of 2022.

I also have posterior glottic stenosis, my last dialtion was July 2021

I do not have classic COPD and I am not a C02 retainer. I typically dont desaturate during a flare unless Im super tight.

My baseline lung function is only 25% of normal (FEV1 is less than 0.7 liters), so I have very little reserve when my asthma get bad.

I have major sedation issues, which are well documented. If I need to be intubated please follow the instructions in my chart.

I have a venous access port in my left chest because of poor peripheral access. Im also "ulnar dependent, as I have chronic radial artery occlusion from prior arterial cannulations and ABGs .

Things that help:

Cont albuterol 10mg-20/hr, Bipap, Mag sulfate, IV fentanyl 50-75 mcg PRN air hunger. (Dont worry, you wont knock out my respiratory drive).

Thanks for taking care of me.