



# Laryngoscopy

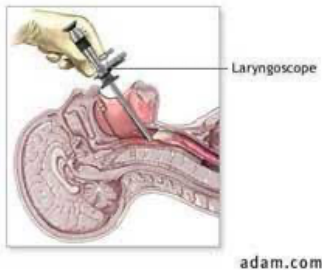
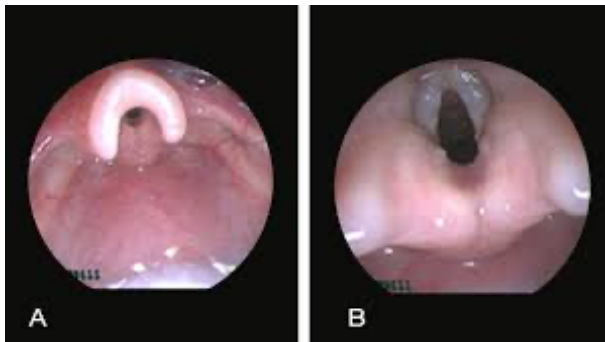
## What is laryngoscopy

This is a procedure done to view the voice box. The trachea may be visualised at the same time.

### How is the procedure done?

You/your child will be put to sleep by the anaesthetist. A camera attached to an endoscope is used to visualise the voice box.

### Images of the larynx



## What to do before the procedure

You need to fast for 6 hrs before the procedure. This is very important as there is a significant risk of aspiration if you are not fasted.

Tell your doctor if you/your child takes regular medications.

Tell your doctor if your child/you have bleeding problems

The procedure will take about one hour.

## What to expect after surgery

Pain-usually well tolerated. Pain medications will be taken for up to one week.

Blood stained ear discharge may occur for a number of days. Do not worry about this as it is normal.

Depending in the procedure done in addition to laryngoscopy, your child may stay in hospital for some days.

Some additional procedures may be done at the same time.

In some cases laryngoscopy can be done in the office with local anaesthesia.

This is sprayed in the throat and a flexible camera inserted. Images will be recorded.

Usually no complications are expected from this procedure.

