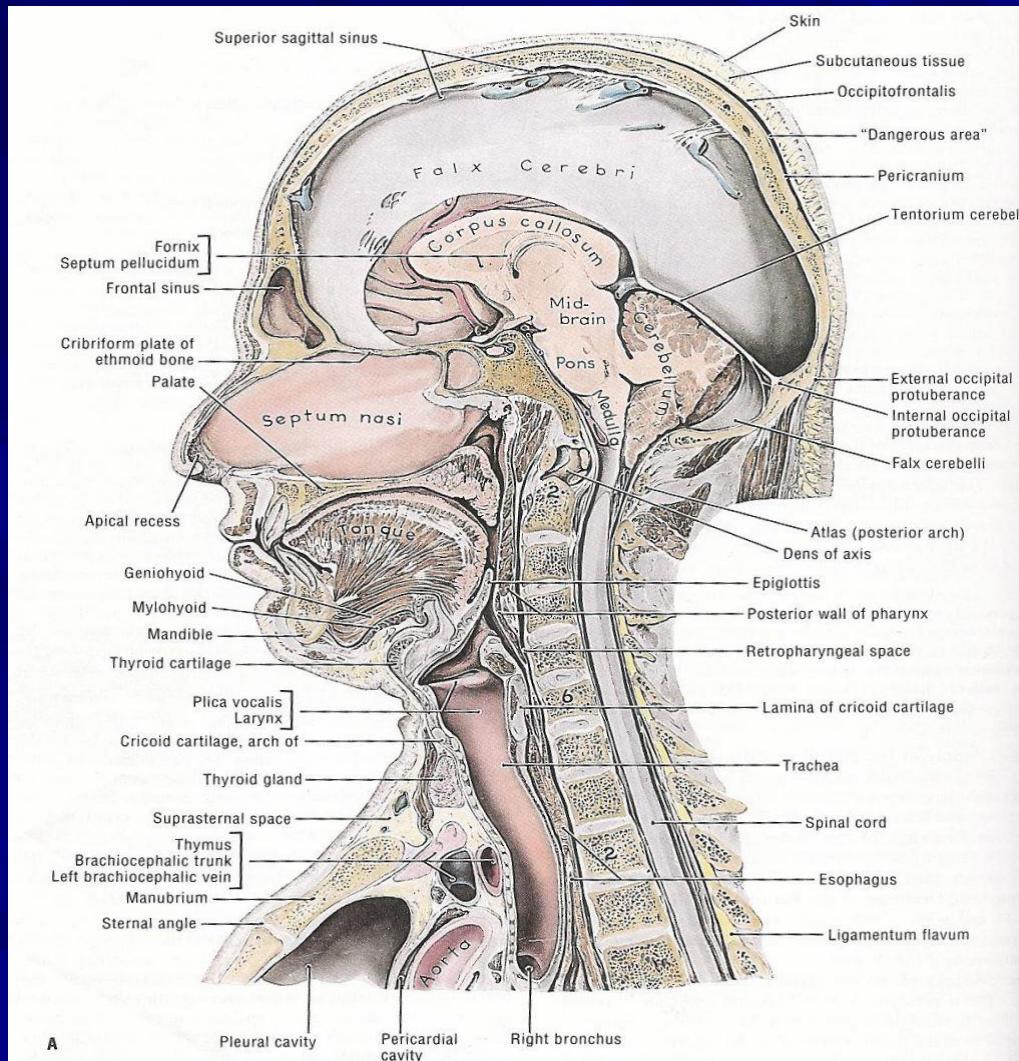


# Larynx

# Larynx



# Skeletomembranous framework of larynx

- Thyroid cartilage
- Cricoid cartilage
- paired arytenoids cartilage
- Epiglottis
- Hyoid bone

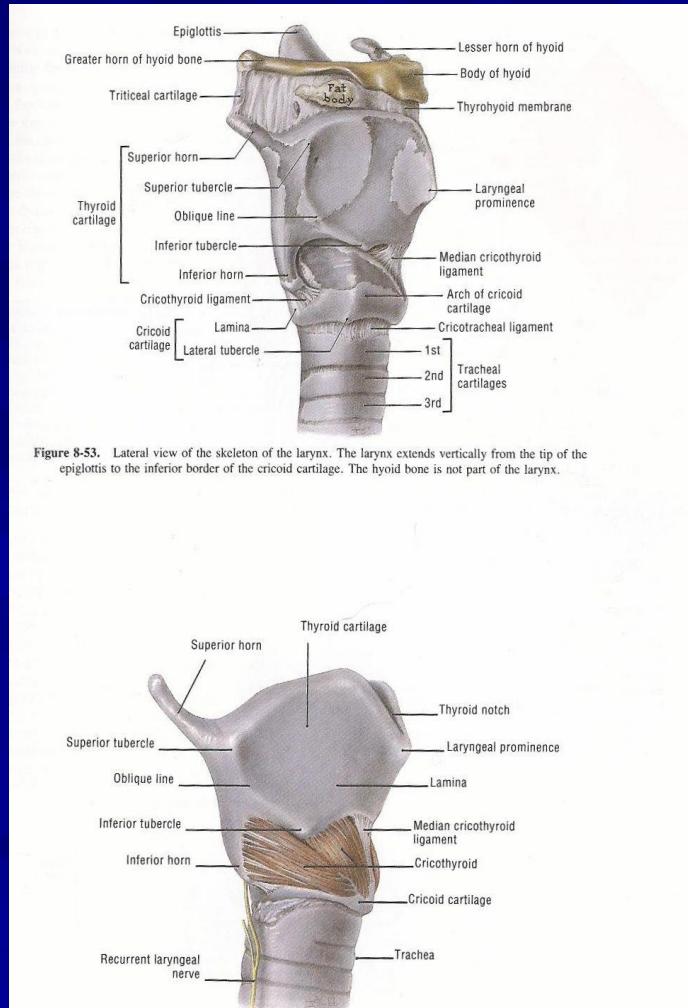


Figure 8-53. Lateral view of the skeleton of the larynx. The larynx extends vertically from the tip of the epiglottis to the inferior border of the cricoid cartilage. The hyoid bone is not part of the larynx.

## ■ Thyroid cartilage :

- Shield like

## ■ Cricoid cartilage :

- Signet ring shaped.
- the only complete skeletal ring for the air way.

◆ Both thyroid and cricoid cartilage ► hyaline ► calcification

### – Cricothyroid joint

- Synovial joint ► hinge motion

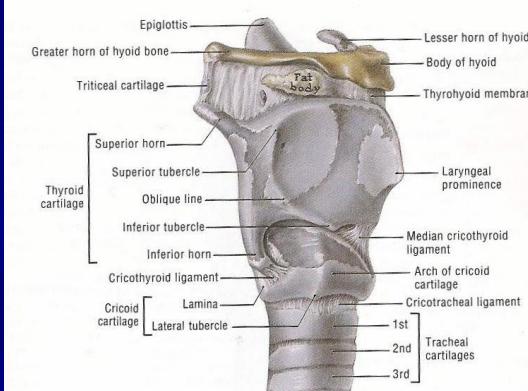
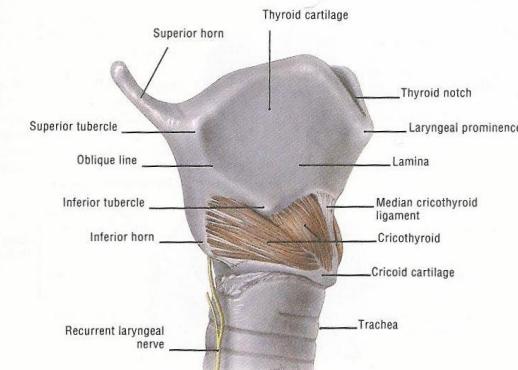


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## ■ Arytenoid cartilage :

- Pyramidal shaped
- Apex ,vocal & muscular process.
- Cricoarytenoid joint
  - Synovial
  - rocking motion

## ■ Corniculate and cuneiform cartilage:

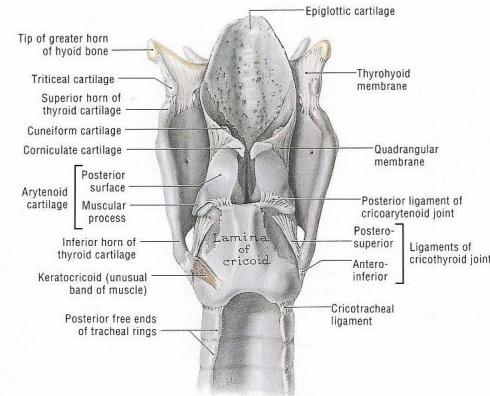


Figure 8-55. Posterior view of the skeleton of the larynx. Observe that the thyroid cartilage shields the smaller cartilages of the larynx.

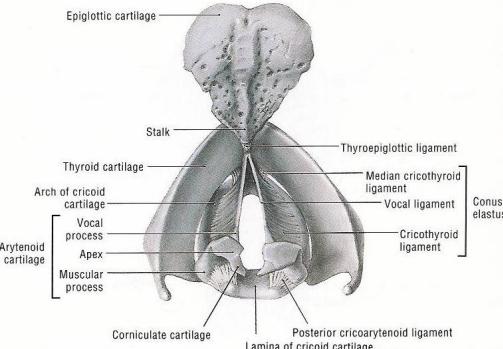


Figure 8-56. Skeleton of the larynx (superior view).

## ■ Epiglottic cartilage :

- Leaf like structure
- Elastic cartilage

- Thyroepiglottic ligament
- Hyoepiglottic ligament
- glossoepiglottic fold ► valleculae

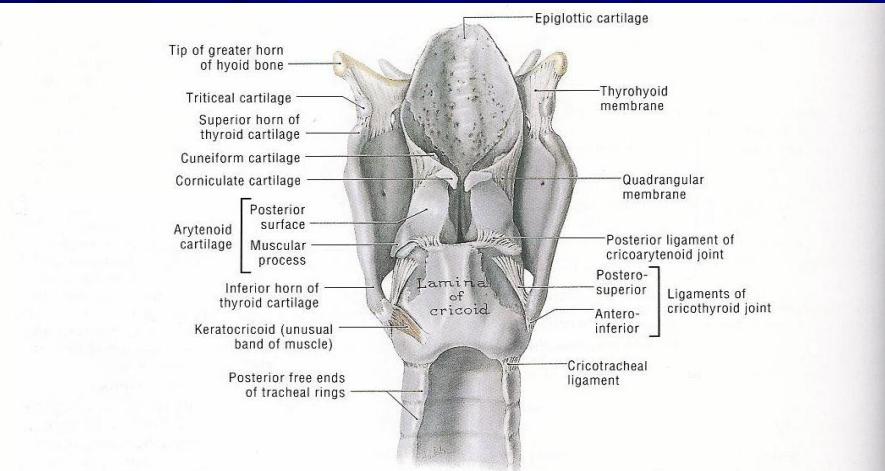


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The hyoid bone, although not a part of the larynx, shields the superior part of the epiglottic cartilage.

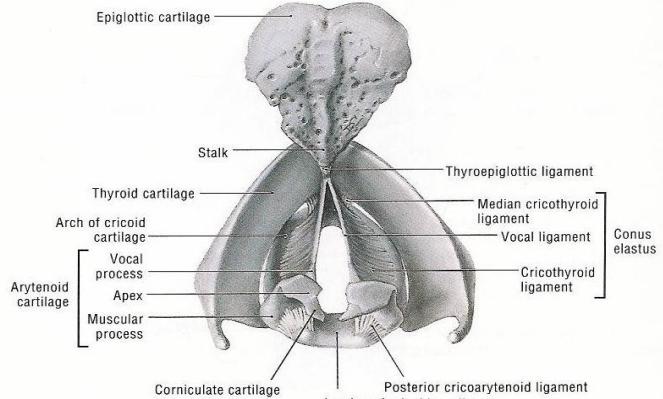


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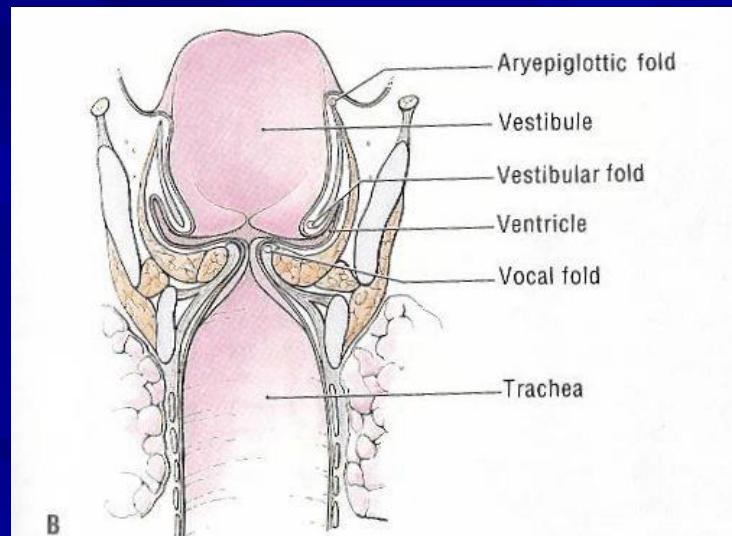
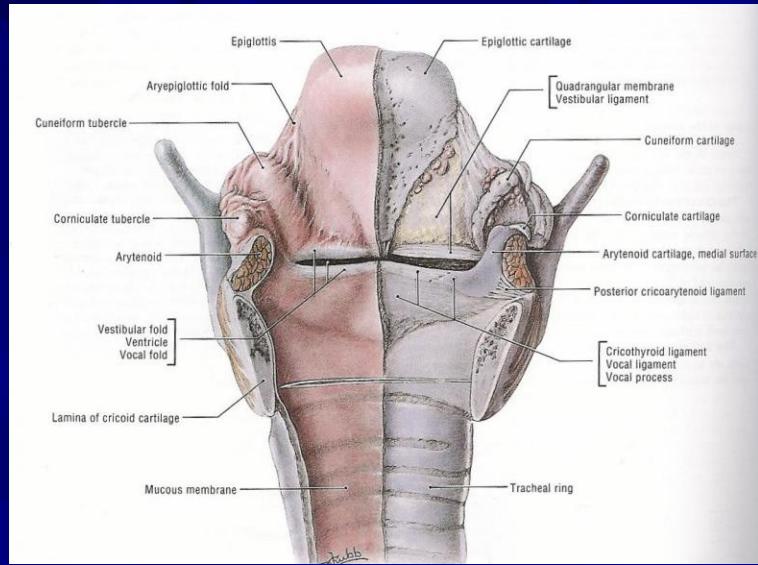
## ■ Laryngeal membranes :

### – Quadrangular membrane.

- Upper and lower border
  - ▶ thickened
- **aryepiglottic fold**
- **Vestibular fold**

### – Triangular membrane (conus elasticus).

- Medial and lateral border  
is free
  - ▶ thickened
  - ▶ **vocal ligament**



## ■ Laryngeal mucosa :

- All mucosa from trachea to aryepiglottic fold ► **ciliated columnar epithelium.**
- ☀ except vocal cord and aryepiglottic fold  
► squamous epithelium

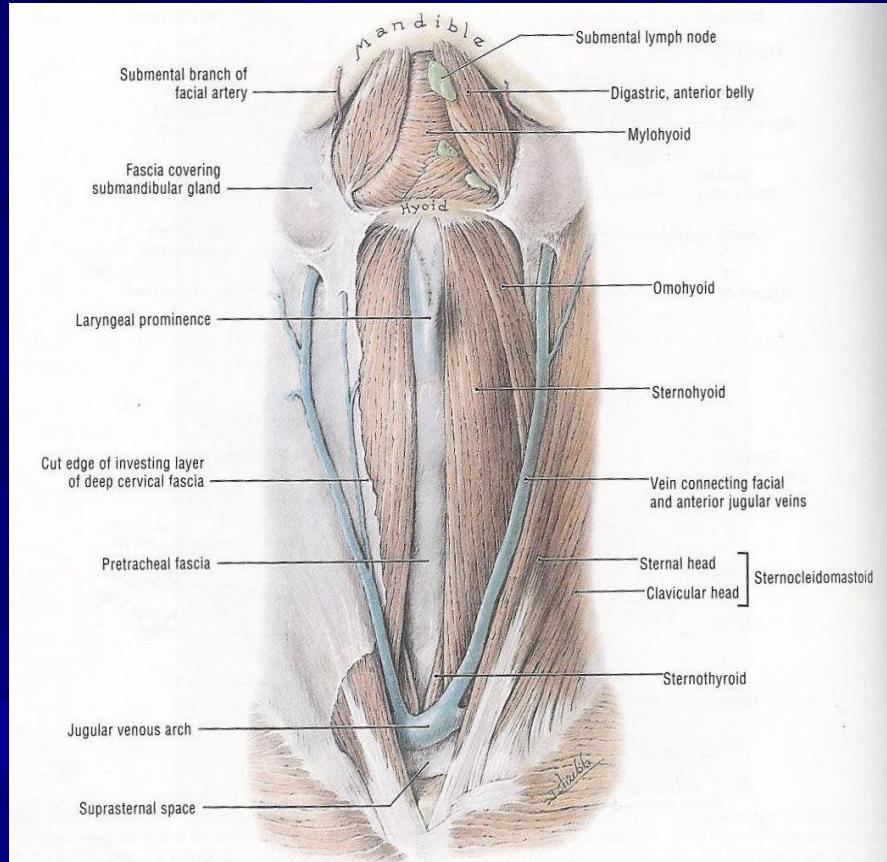
## ■ Laryngeal musculature:

### – Extrinsic depressors. (C1-C3)

- Sternohyoid sternothyroid  
thyrohyoid, omhyoid.

### – Extrinsic elevators.

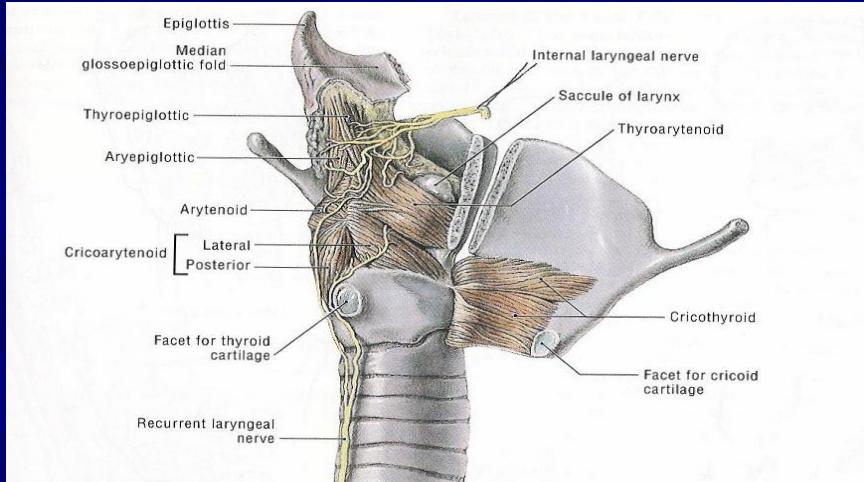
- Genohyoid (C1),  
diagastric (CNV-CNVII)  
mylohyoid (v) stylohyoid  
(VII)



# Intrinsic musculature

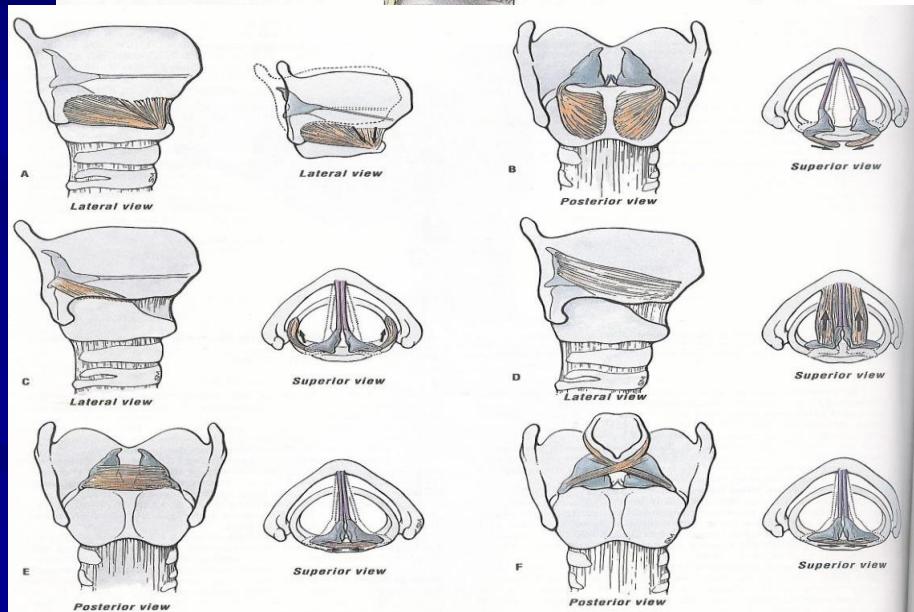
## ■ Abductors :

- posterior cricoarytenoid (PCA)



## ■ Adductors:

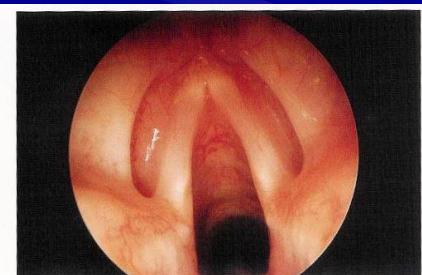
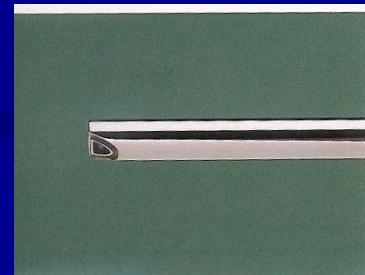
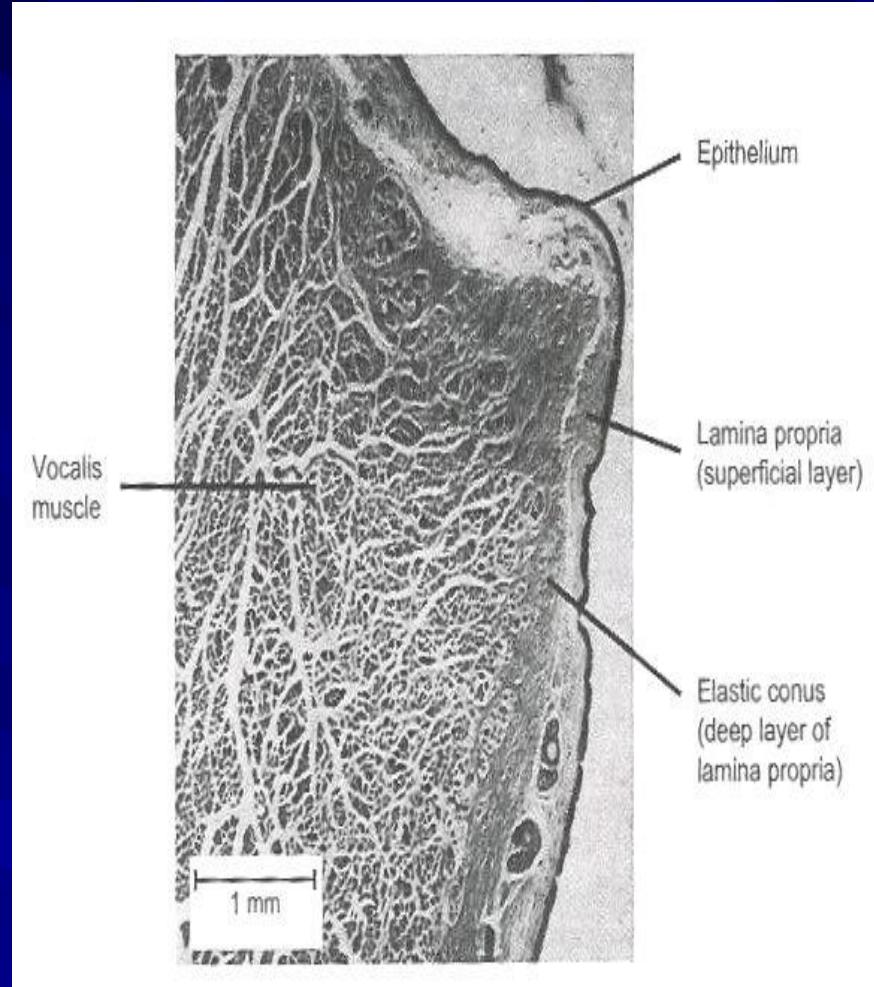
- thyroarytenoid (TA) ,lateral cricoarytenoid (LCA)  
,cricothyroid, interarytenoid



## – Vocal cord layers

### Histology:

- Squamous epithelium
- Lamina propria
  - superficial layer  
**Reink's space**
  - Intermediate layer.
  - Deep layer.
- **Intermediate + deep layers =vocal ligament**
- Vocalis (thyroarytenoid muscle)



## ■ **Blood supply :**

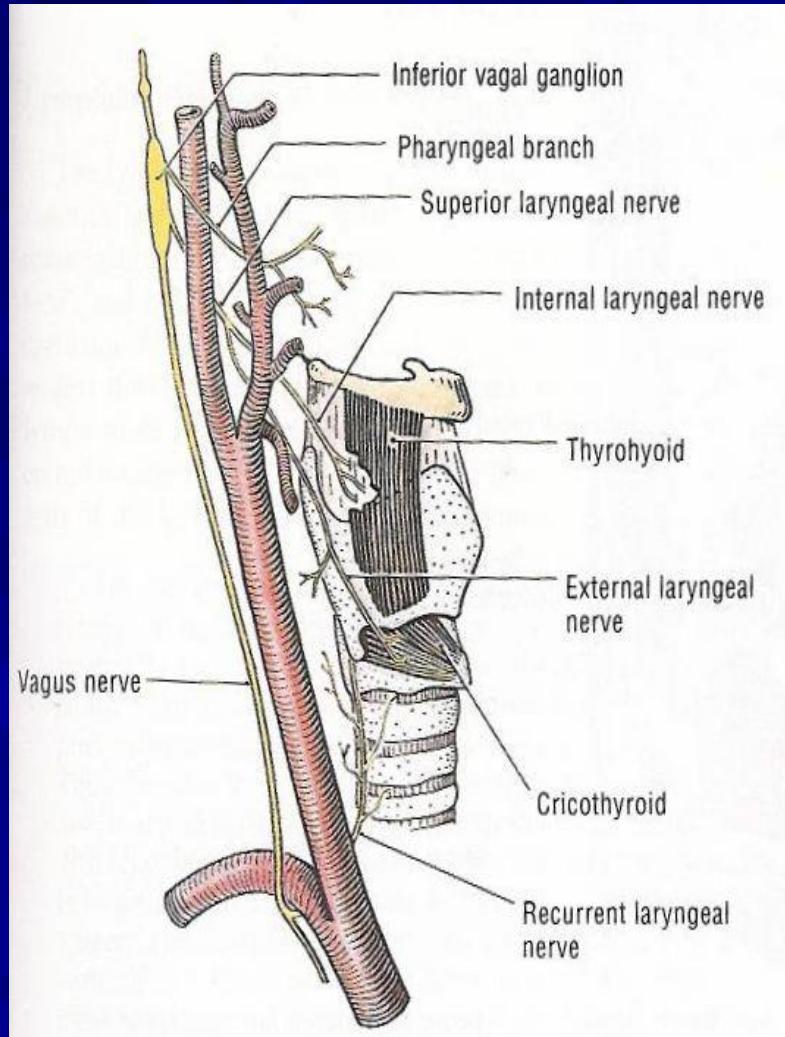
- Superior and inferior laryngeal artery and veins.

## ■ **lymphatic drainage:**

- above vocal cord ► up deep cervical lymph node.
- Below vocal cord lower ► deep cervical node

## ■ Nerve supply:

- **Superior laryngeal nerve**
  - Internal branch (sensory)  
+superior laryngeal artery .
  - External branch
    - ▶ **cricothyroid muscle**
- **Recurrent laryngeal nerve**
  - **RT side**: crosses the subclavian artery
  - **LT side**: arises on the arch of the aorta deep to ligamentum arteriosum
- it is divided behind the **cricothyroid joint**
  - Motor ▶ all the intrinsic muscles except ?
  - Sensory



# Pediatric airway anatomy

- The neonates are obligate nasal breathers until 2 months .
- The epiglottis at birth is omega Ω shaped
- the infants have high larynx C1-C4



# Applied physiology of the larynx

## ■ **Protection of the lower air passages**

- Closure of the laryngeal inlet
- Closure of the glottis
- Cessation of respiration
- Cough reflex (forced expiration is made against a closed larynx)

## ■ Phonation :

- Voice is produced by vibration of the vocal cord
- Source of energy is the airflow
- Normal vocal fold vibration occurs vertically from inferior to superior
- The mouth ,pharynx ,nose ,chest (**resonating chambers**)

## ■ Respiration

## ■ Laryngeal sphincters

- True vocal cord
- false vocal cord
- Aryepiglottic sphincter

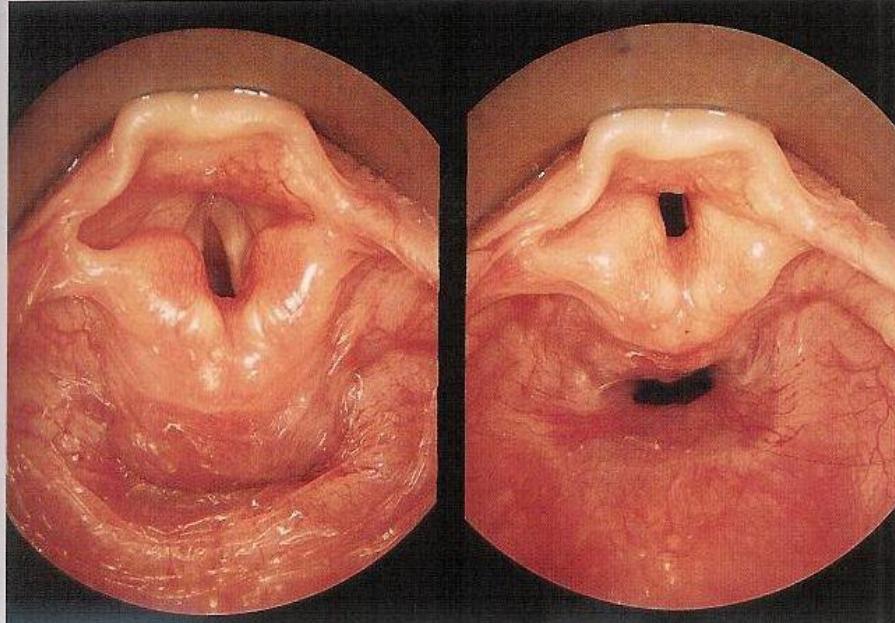


Figure 8.24

'The Benjamin lift' often assists exposure of the postcricoid region – a telescope can often be passed to examine the upper part of the oesophagus.

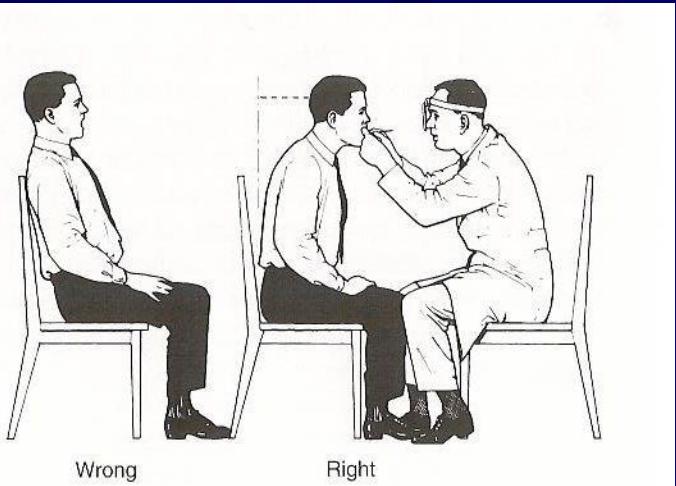
# Evaluation of the dysphonic patient

## ■ HISTORY

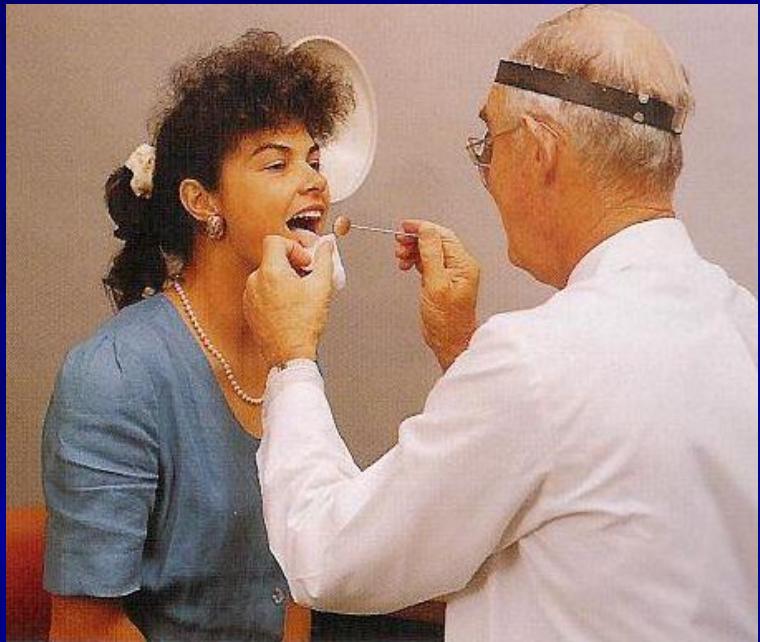
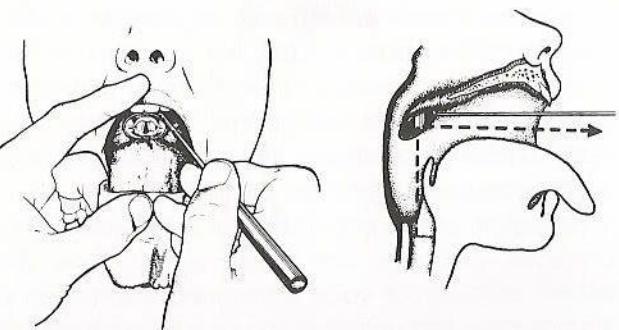
- Dysphonia (hoarseness)
  - URTI, fever, cough, (voice, tobacco or alcohol abuse), dysphagia, aspiration, breathing difficulty, wt lost, GERD, trauma, previous surgery.

## ■ EXAMINATION

- Indirect laryngoscope (mirror)
- Direct laryngoscope
- Fibreoptic flexible scope
- Stroboscopy
- Acoustic analysis



**Figure 1.3**  
Position of the patient's head and neck for indirect laryngoscopy to create the best angle for a comprehensive view of the laryngeal structures.



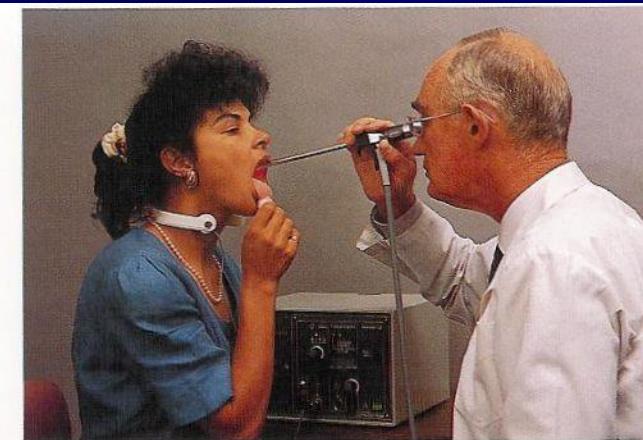


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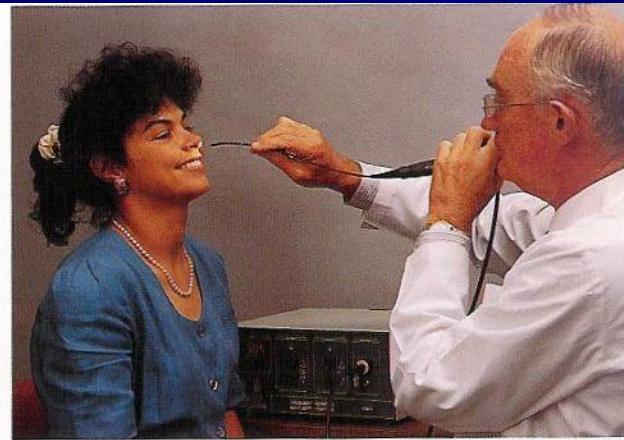
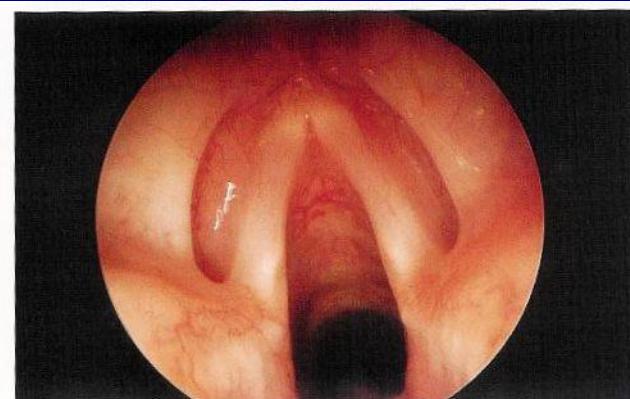
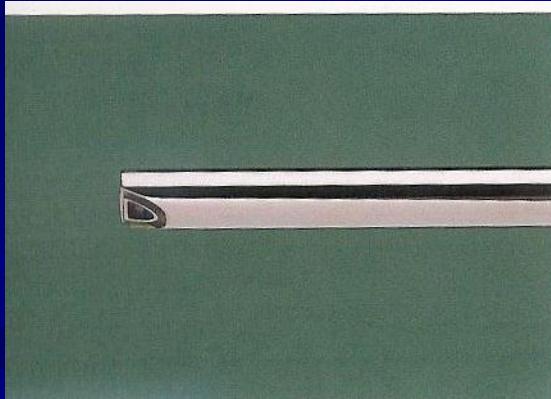
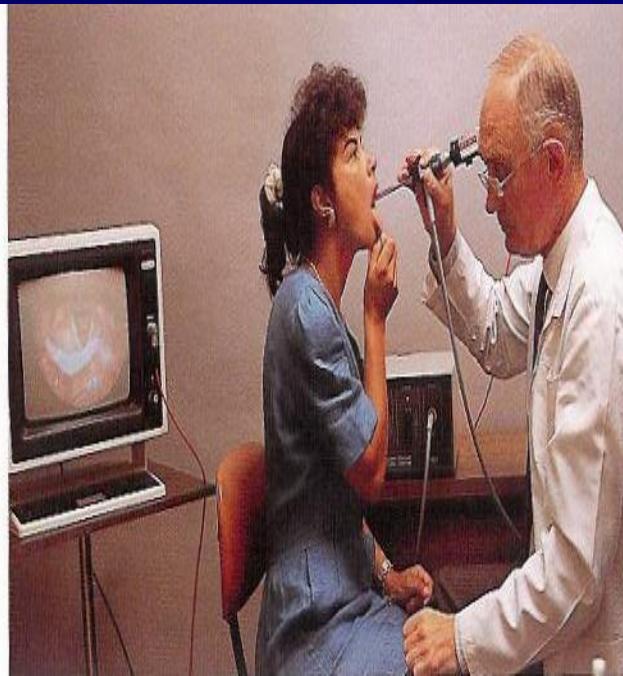
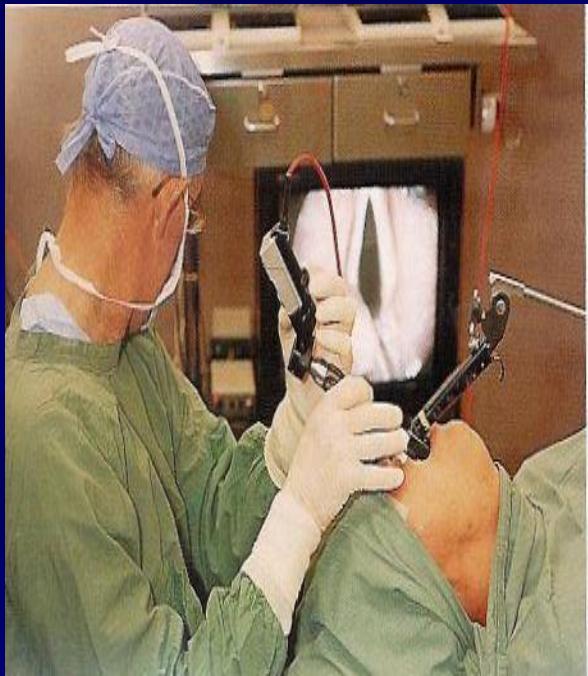
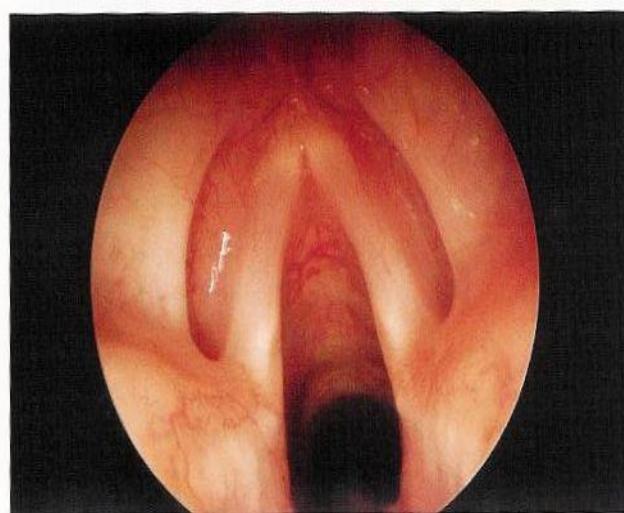
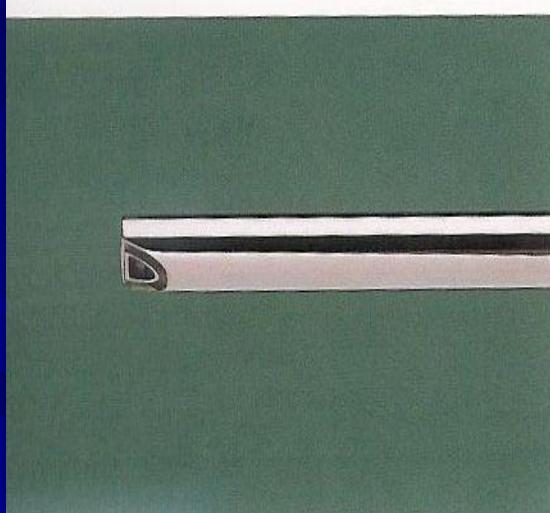
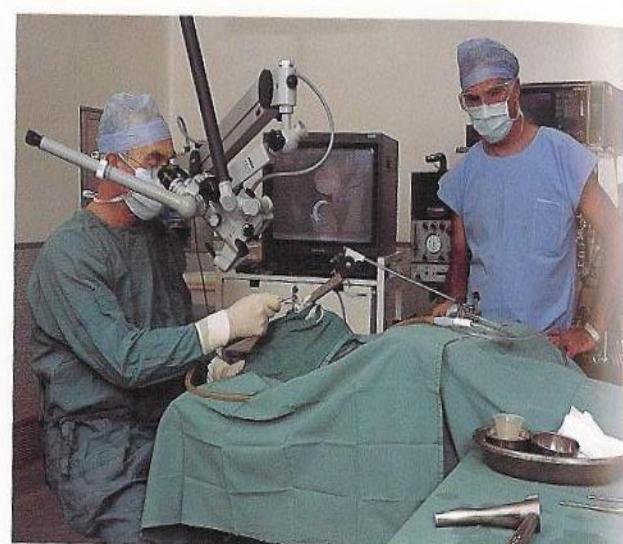
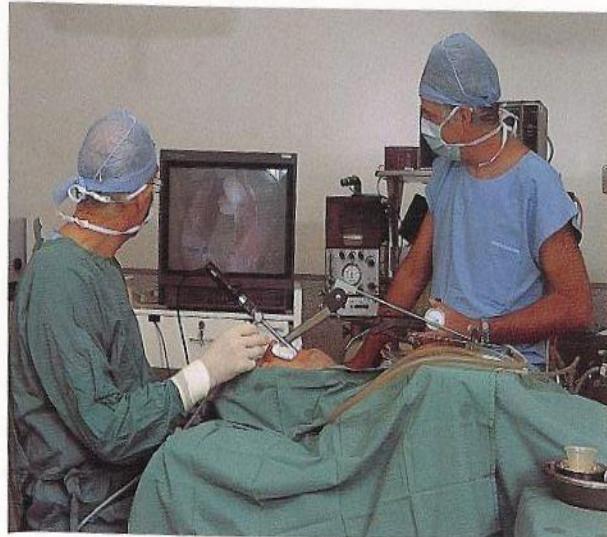


Figure 1.7









# Disease of the larynx

## ■ Congenital abnormalities of the larynx :

### ■ Laryngomalacia

- most common cause of stridor in neonate and infants

### ■ Laryngeal finding :

- Inward collapse of aryepiglottic fold (short) into laryngeal inlet during inspiration .
- Epiglottis collapses into laryngeal inlet.

### ■ SSX:

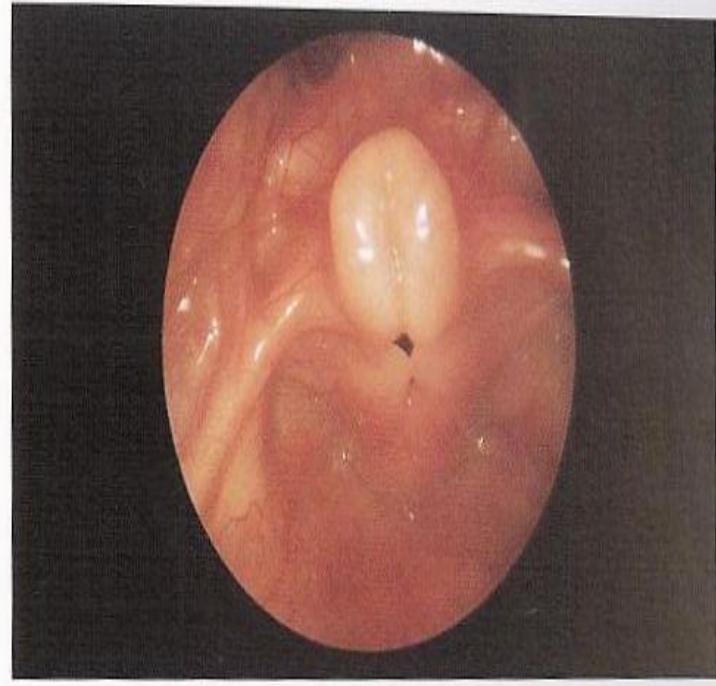
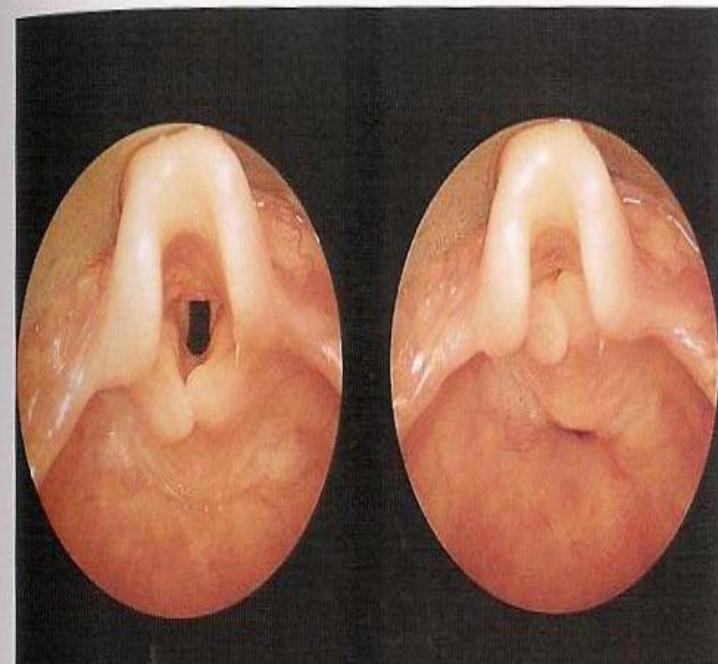
- intermittent inspiratory stridor that improve in prone position .

### ■ DX:

- HX and endoscopy

### ■ RX:

- observation
- Epiglottoplasty
- Tracheostomy



# ■ Subglottic stenosis :

- Incomplete recanalization, small cricoid ring

## ■ types:

- membranous
- Cartilaginous
- mixed

## ■ Grades:

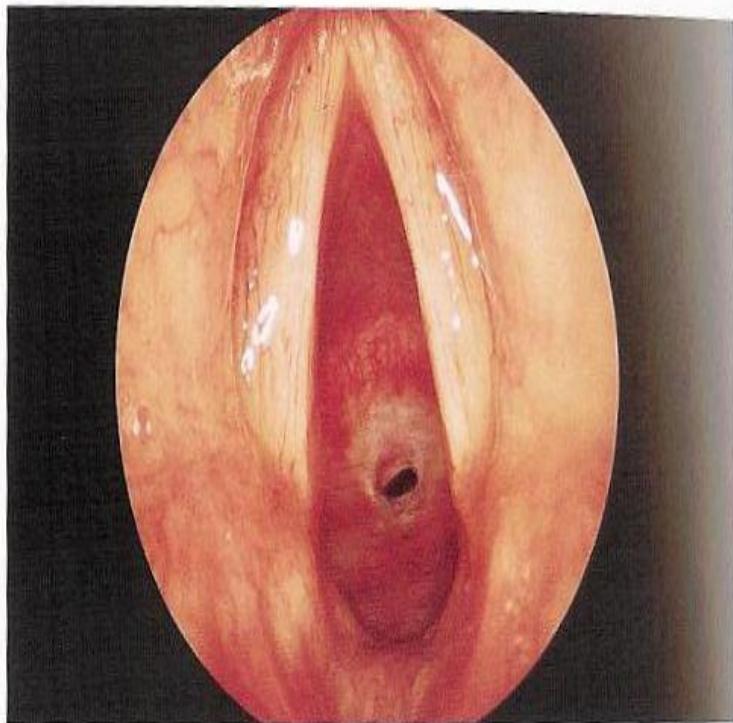
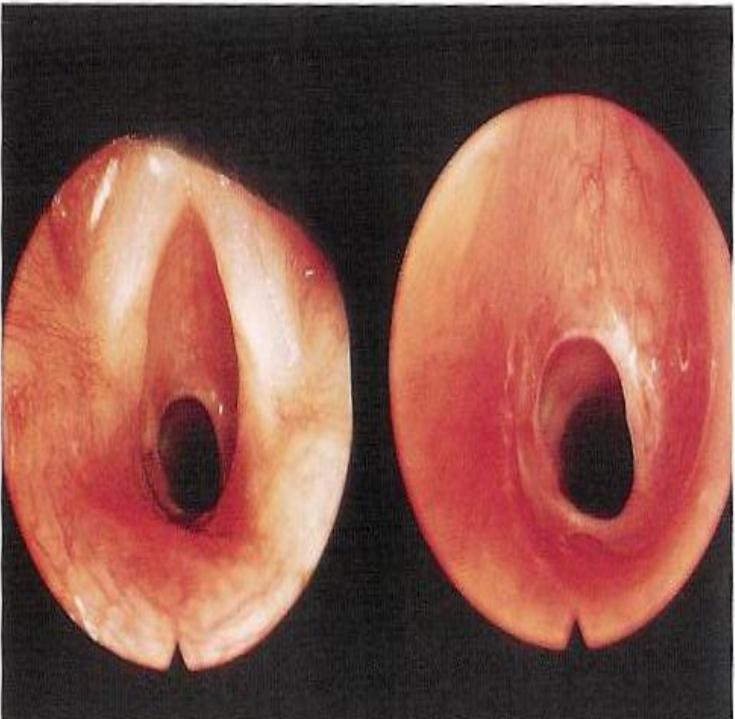
- I <70%
- II 70-90%
- III 91-99%
- IV complete obstruction

## ■ SSX :biphasic stridor ,failure to thrive .

## ■ DX: chest and neck X-ray ,flexible endoscope

## ■ RX: tracheotomy

- grade I - II ;
  - **endoscope** (CO<sub>2</sub> or excision with dilation )
- Grade III –IV:
  - **open procedures:**
    - Ant cricoid split
    - LTR OR CTR



## ■ **Laryngeal web:**

- incomplete decanalization

## ■ **Types:**

- Supraglottic
- Glottis
- Subglottic

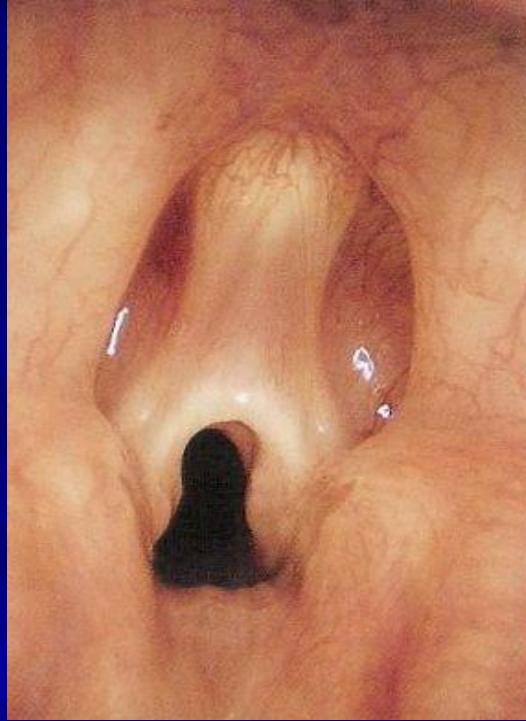
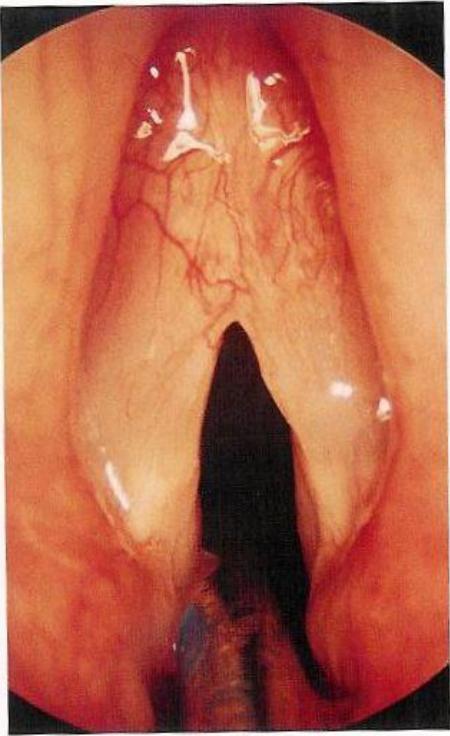
## ■ **SSX:**

- weak cry at birth ,variable degrees of respiratory obstruction

## ■ **DX: flexible endoscope**

## ■ **Rx :**

- no treatment
- laser excision
- open procedure+ tracheostomy

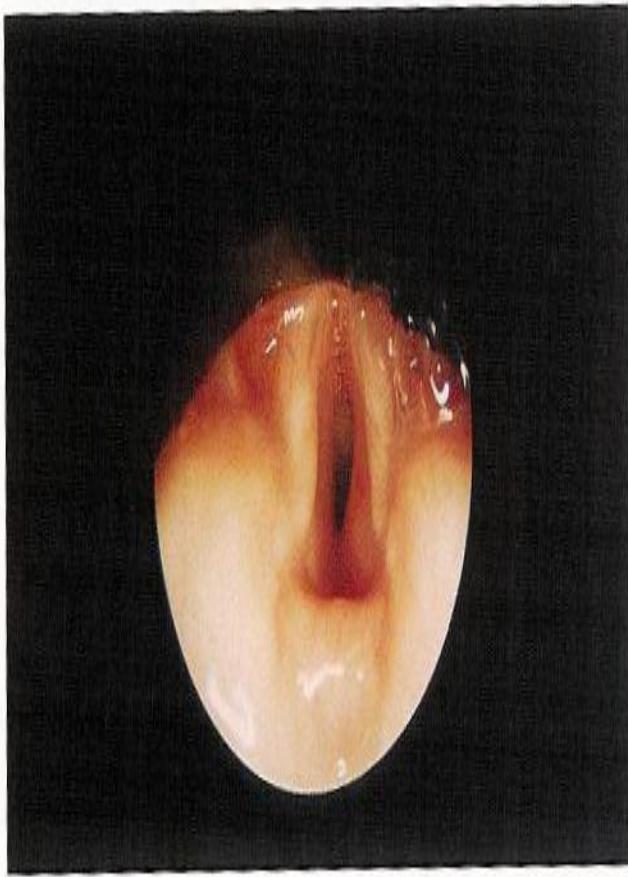
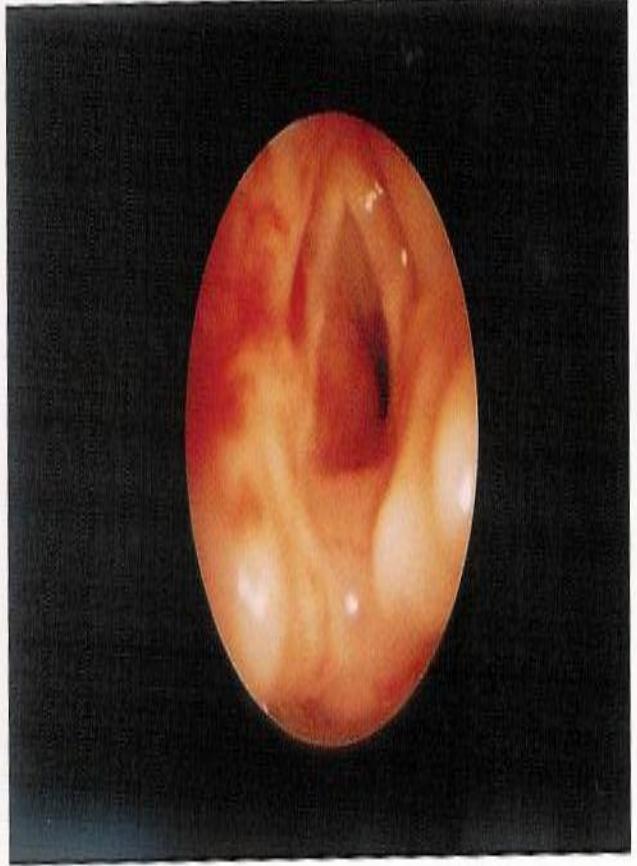


**Figure 14.6**

Vocal fold adhesion. Simultaneous removal of vocal nodules caused synechiae of moderate thickness. The voice was worse than before treatment.

# Subglottic haemangioma

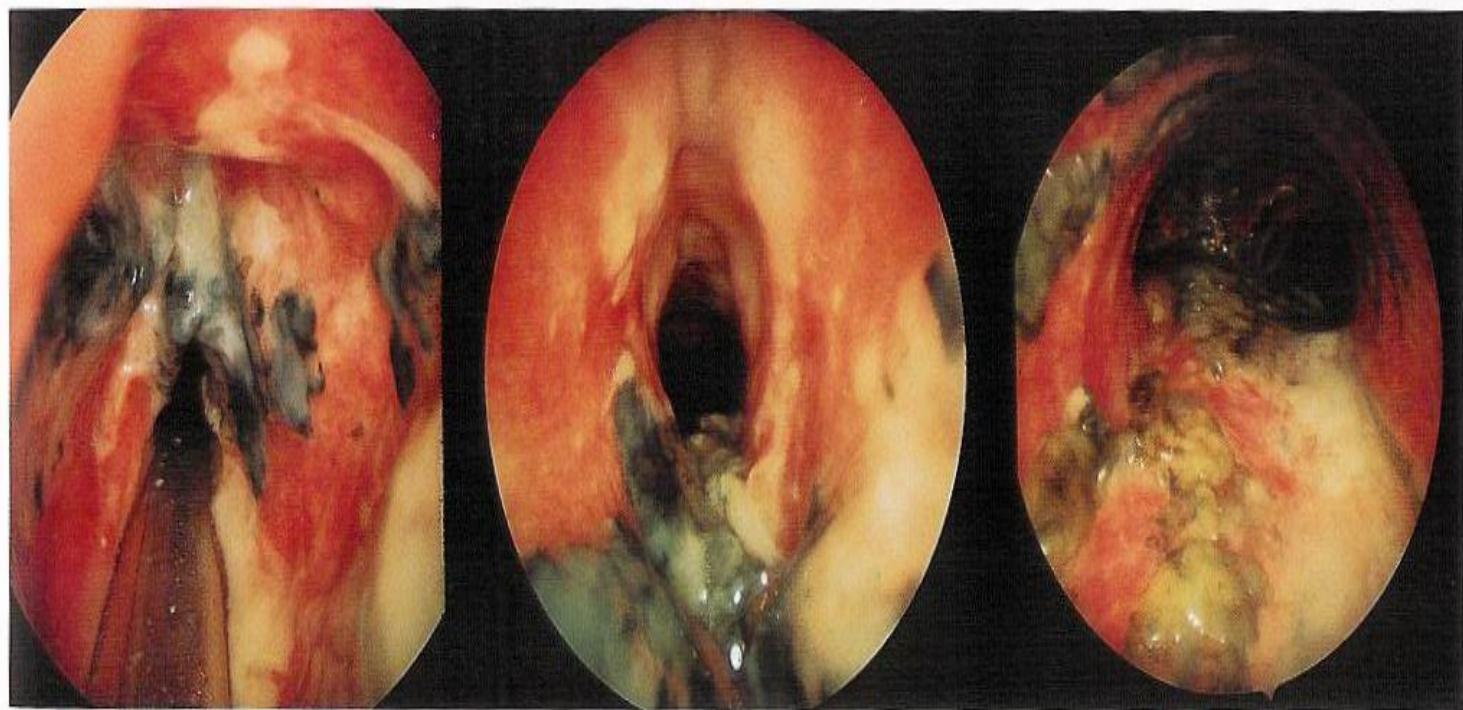
- Most common in subglottic space
  - 50% of subglottic hemangiomas associated with cutaneous involvement
- **Types:**
  - capillary (typically resolve)
  - Cavernous
- **SSX:** biphasic stridor
- **DX :**endoscope
- **RX:**
  - observation
  - Cricosteroid
  - CO2 LASER

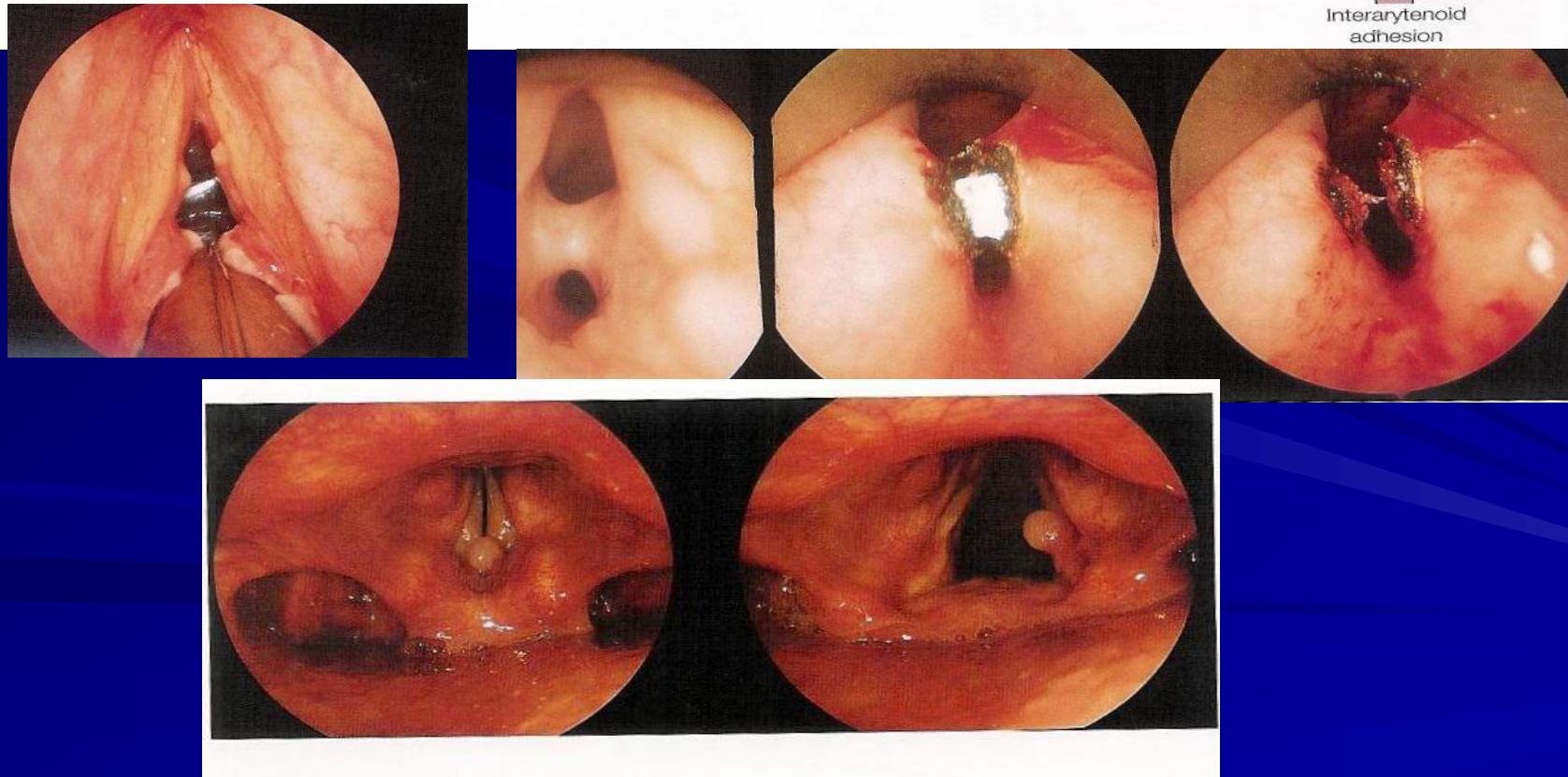
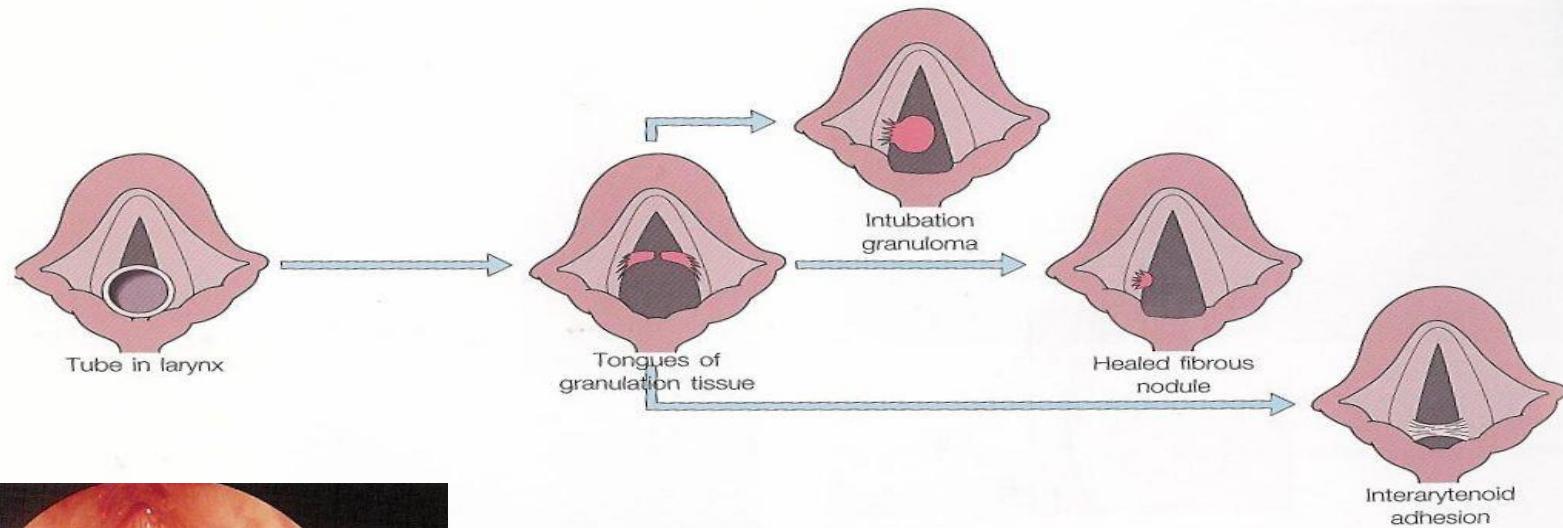


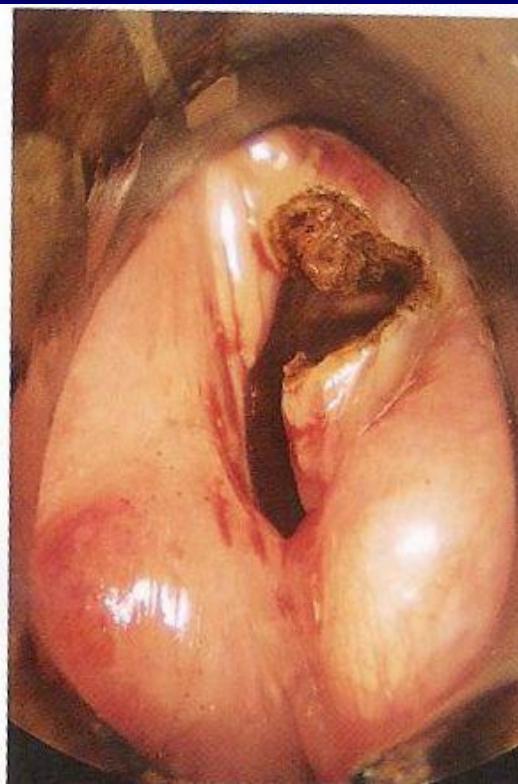
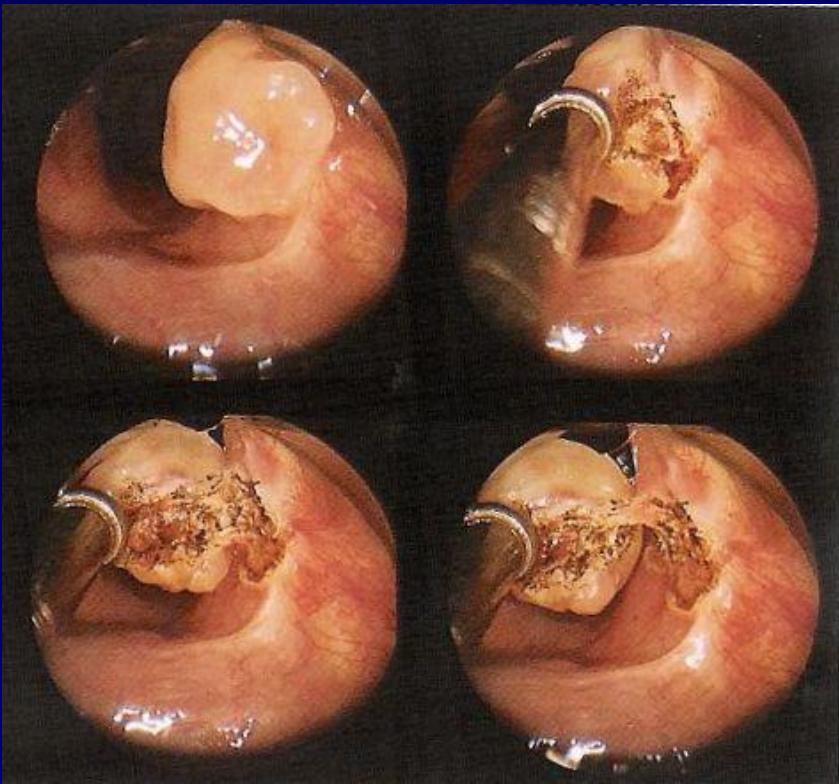
# Traumatic conditions of the larynx

- Direct injuries (blows)
- Penetration (open)
- Burns (inhalation , corrosive fluids)
- Inhalation foreign bodies
- **Intubations injuries :**
  - Prolonged intubation
  - Blind intubation
  - too large tube
- **pathology :**
  - **Abrasions ► granulomatous formation ....subglottic stenosis**
  - **SSX; hoarsness , dyspnoea**
  - **RX:**
    - **voice rest**
    - **endoscopic removal**
    - **prevention**





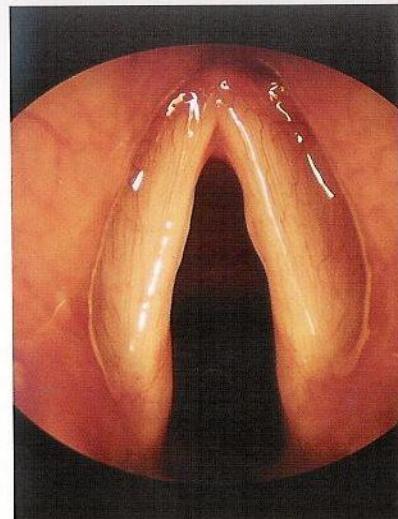
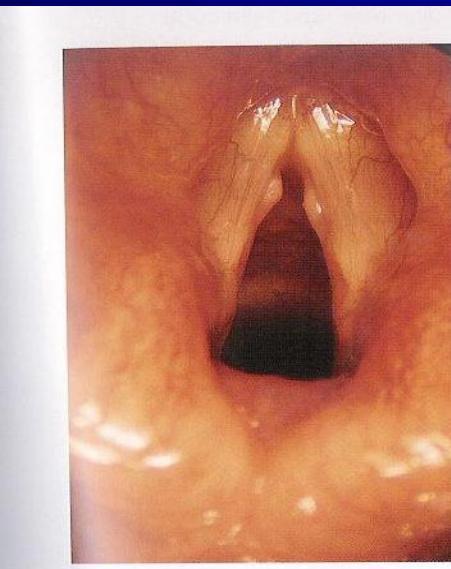
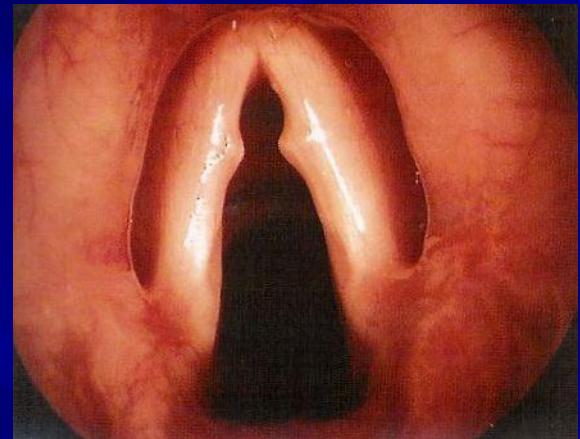




# Vocal fold lesions secondary to vocal abuse and trauma

## ■ Vocal nodules (singer's nodules)

- At junction of ant 1/3 and mid 1/3
- RX :
  - voice therapy
  - surgical excision



## ■ Vocal fold polyp :

- Middle and ant 1/3 , free edge , unilateral
- Mucoid , hemorrhagic
- RX :
  - surgical excision



## ■ Vocal fold cyst ;

- congenital dermoid cyst
- mucus retention cyst
- RX:
  - surgical excision

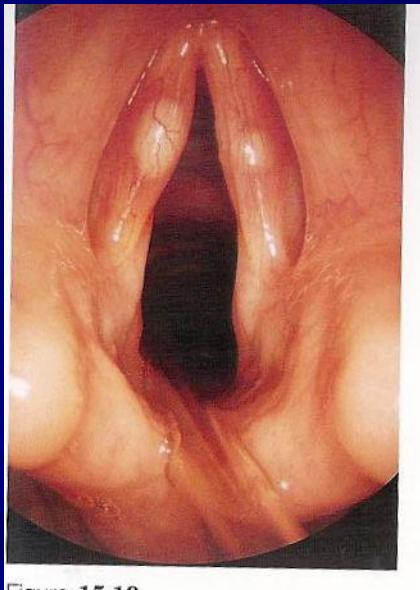


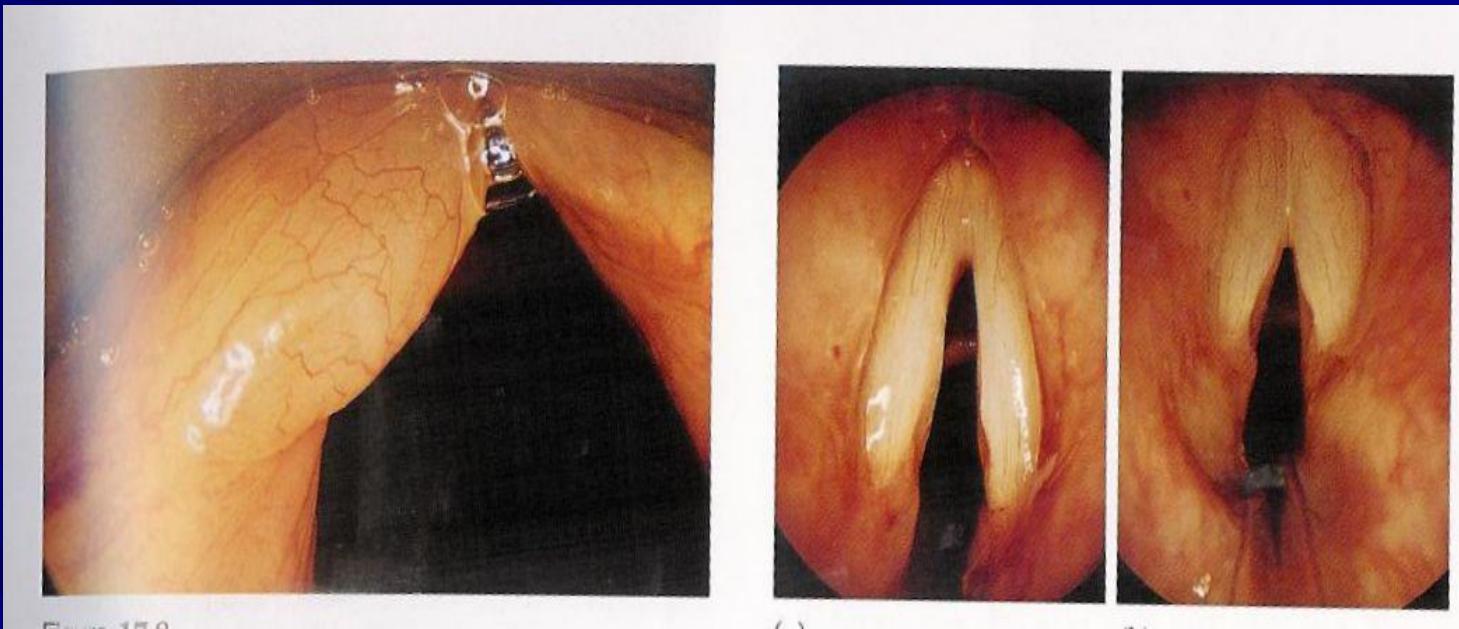
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## ■ Reinke's edema

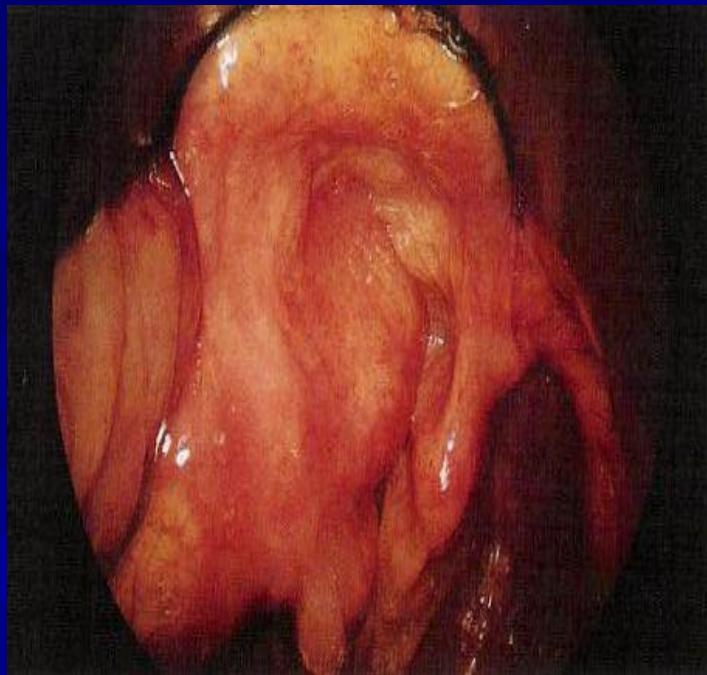
– RX:

- voice rest ,stop smoking
- surgical excision



# Laryngocele

- Air filled dilation of the appendix of the ventricle ,communicates with laryngeal lumen
  - congenital or acquired
- **types :**
- External : through thyrohyoid membrane
  - Internal :
  - Combined
- **Rx :marsupialization**



# Vocal cord paralysis

## ■ Causes:

### – Adult

- Neoplastic
- Iatrogenic :
- Idiopathic
- Trauma
- Neurological
- infectious
- systemic diseases
- Toxins

### – children

- Arnold chiari malformation
- Birth trauma

**SSX:**

Dysphonia

Chocking

Stridor

## ■ Vocal cord position :

- Median ,paramedian ,cadaveric

### – Rx :

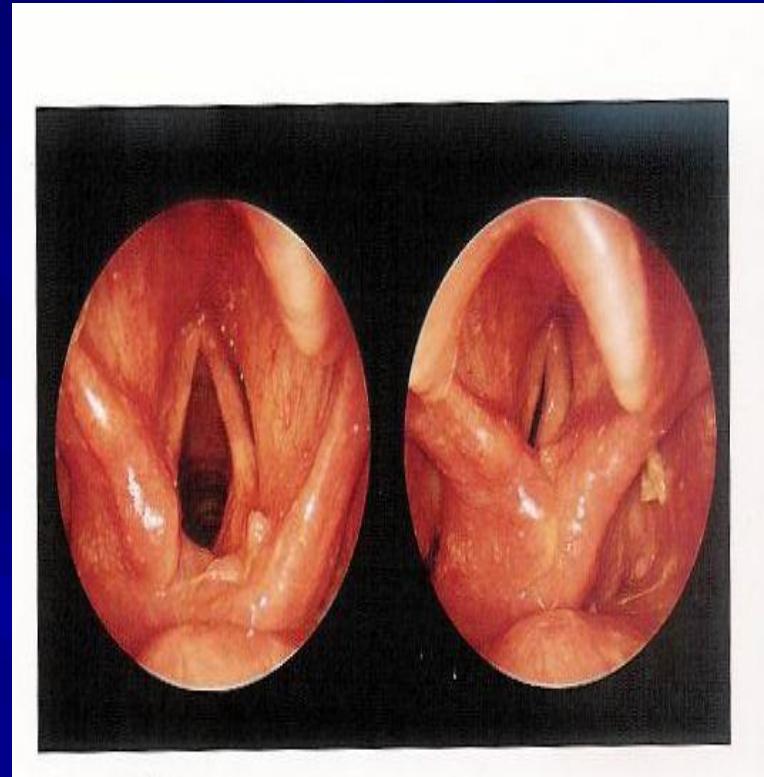
- Self limiting or permanent paralysis

### – For medialization :

- Vocal cord injections
  - Gelfoam, fat, collagen, Teflon.
- Thyroplasty

### – For lateralization:

- cordotomy
- Thyroplasty
- tracheotomy



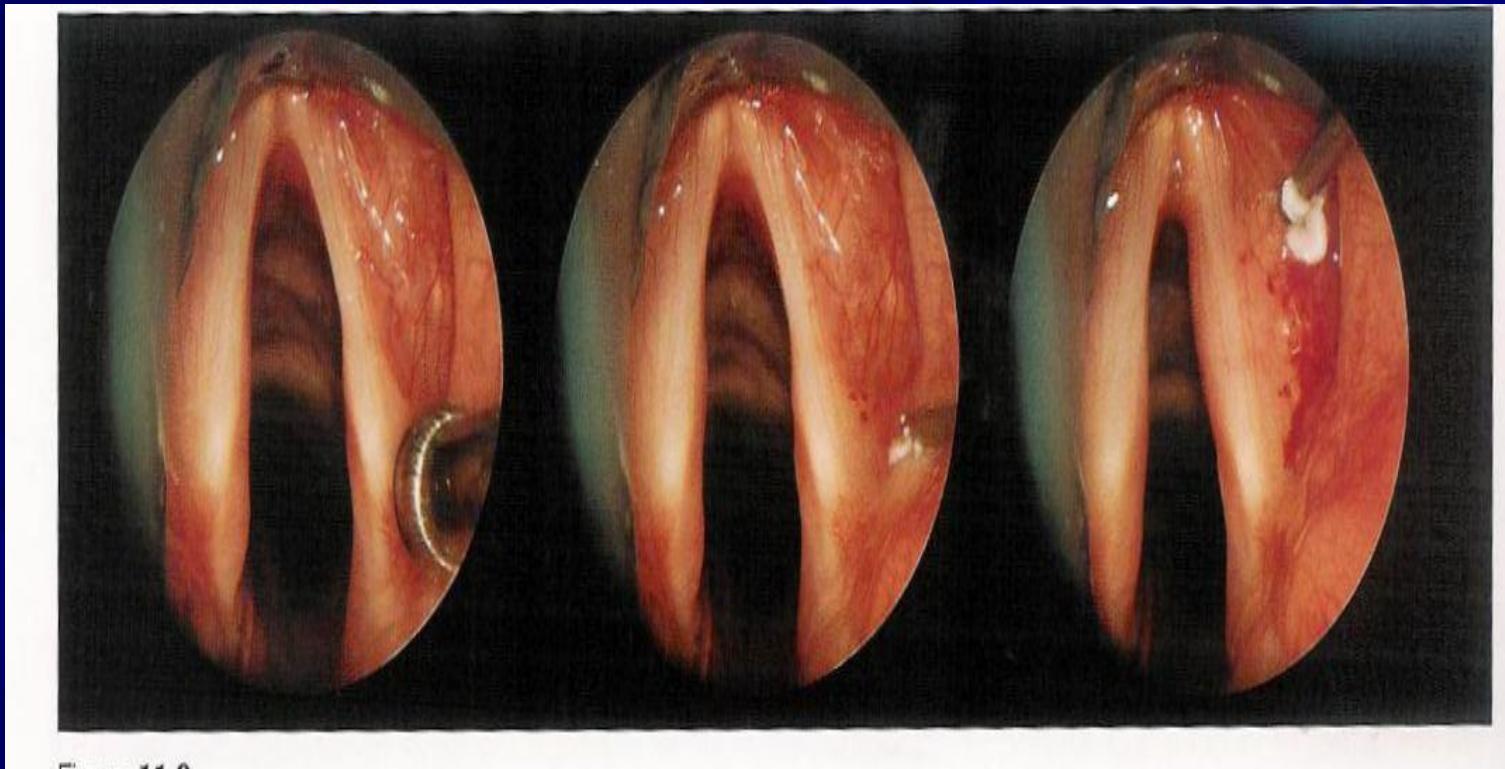
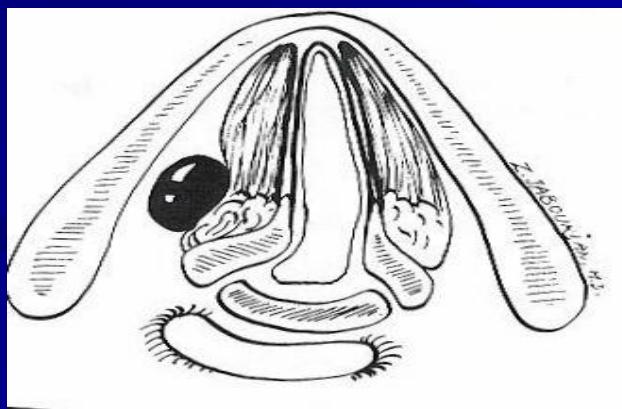
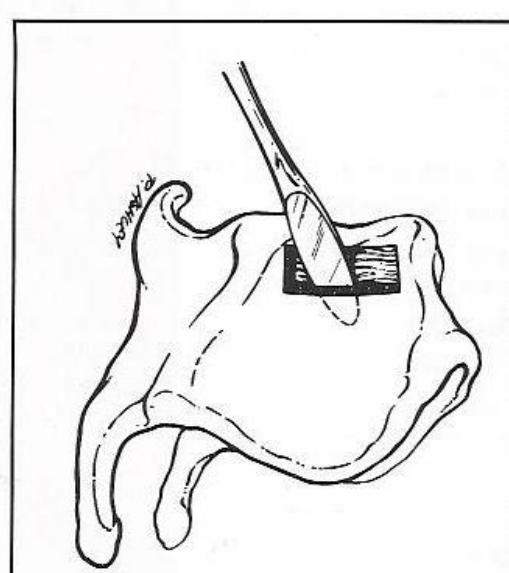
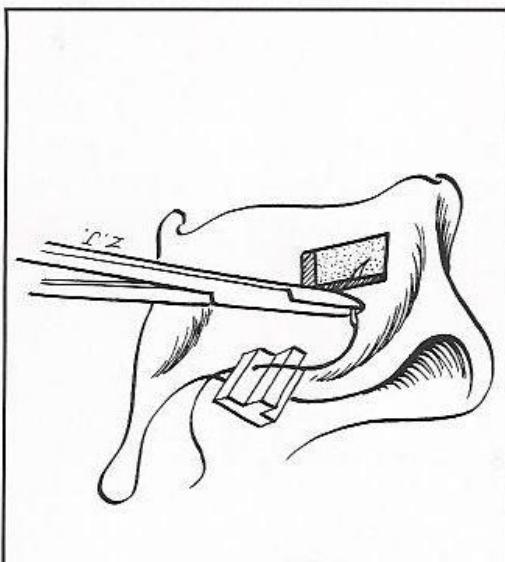
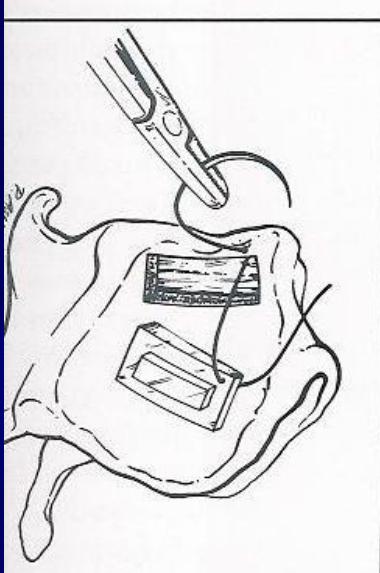
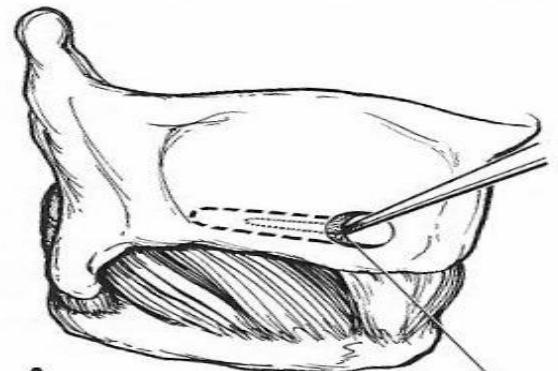


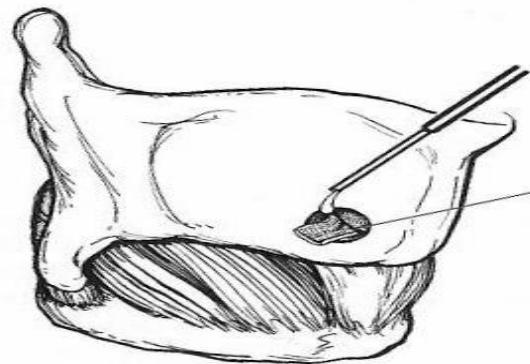
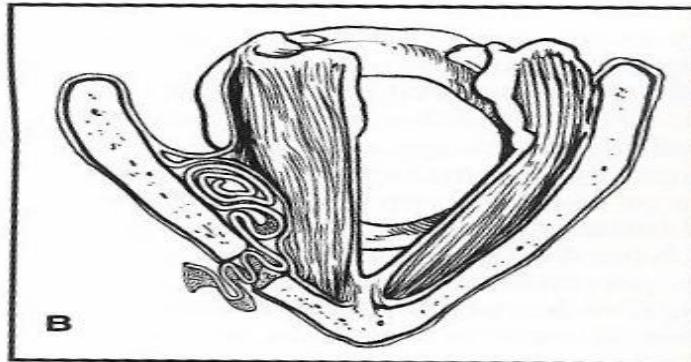
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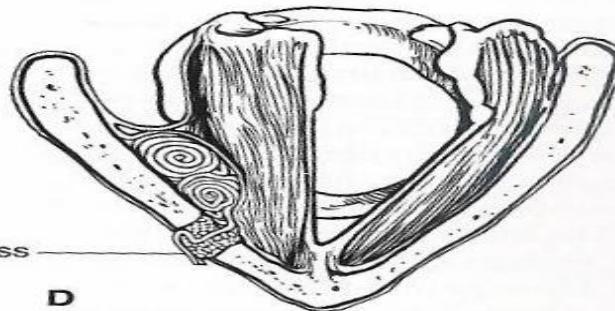




Inner Layer of  
Perichondrium  
is Elevated



Application of  
Cyanoacrylate



Tab is Left Free to  
Assist Future Access



# Inflammation of the larynx

## ■ **Acute viral laryngitis:**

- Rhinovirus, parainfluenza

## ■ **SSx:**

- dysphonia , fever cough

## ■ **Rx:**

- conservative

## ■ **Acute epiglottitis :**

- Haemophilis influnzae B
- 2-6 years

## ■ **Ssx:**

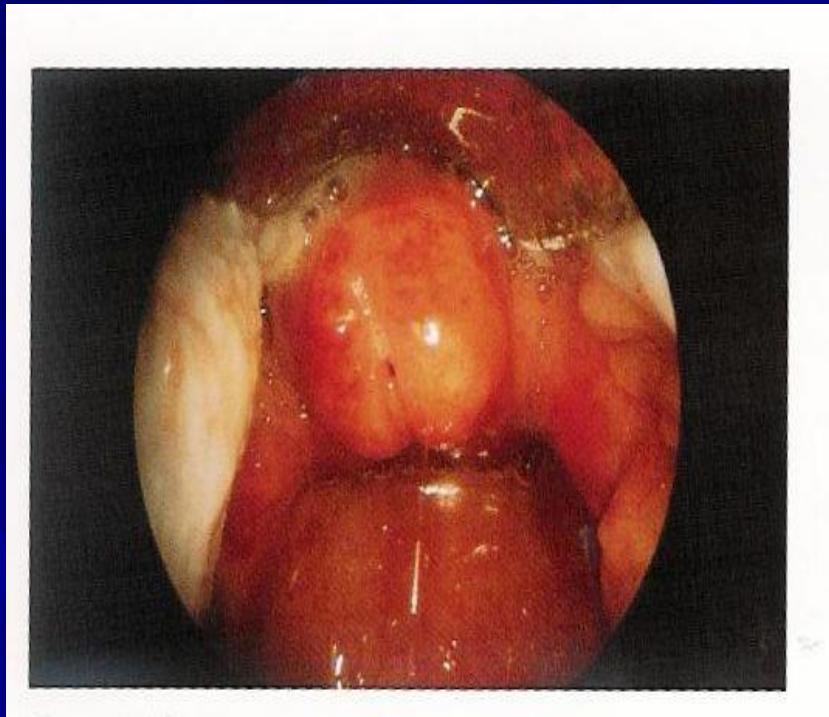
- fever , dysphagia ,drooling ,dyspnea, sniffing position , no cough, normal voice.

## ■ **DX :**

- x-ray (thumbprint sign)

## ■ **Rx:**

- do not examine the child in ER
- Intubation in OR
- IV abx
- corticosteroid



## ■ Croup (laryngotracheobronchitis )

- Primary involves the subglottic
- Parainfluenza 1-3
- 1-5 years

## ■ SSX:

- biphasic stridor, fever , brasssy cough , hoarseness , no dysphagia

## ■ DX:

- x-ray ,steeple sign

## ■ RX:

- humidified oxygen,racmic epinephrine ,steroid



# Diphtheritic laryngitis

## ■ Causes:

- Corynebacterium diphtheriae

## ■ Ssx:

- Cough ,stridor ,dysphonia , fever
- Greyish –white membrane

## ■ Treatment:

- Antitoxin injection
- Systemic penicillin
- Oxygen
- tracheostomy

## ■ Fungal laryngitis :

- Immunocompromised
- candidiasis ,aspergillosis

– Ssx:

- dysphonia ,cough odynophagia

– RX:

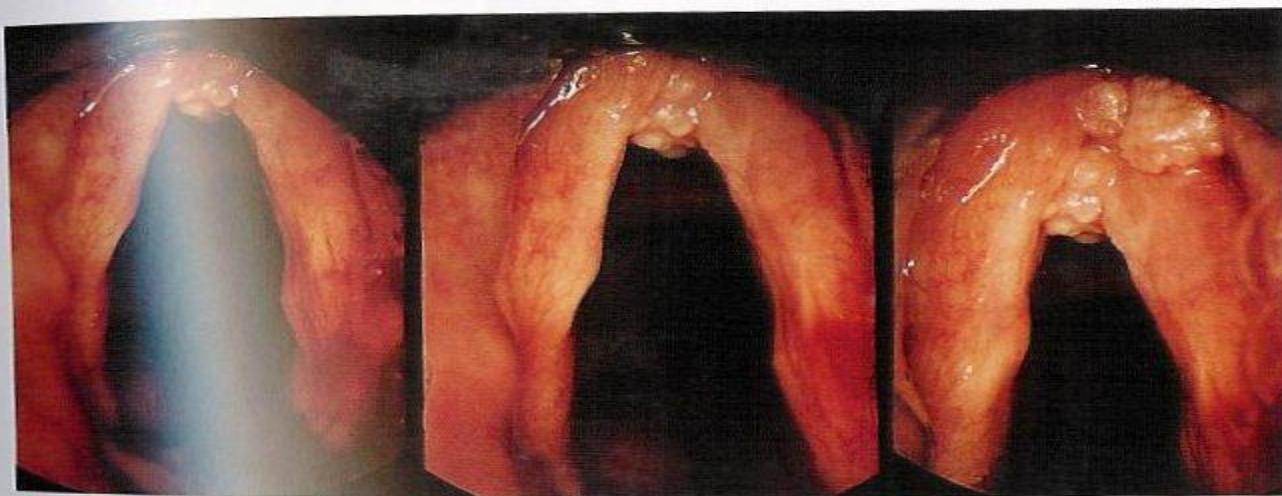
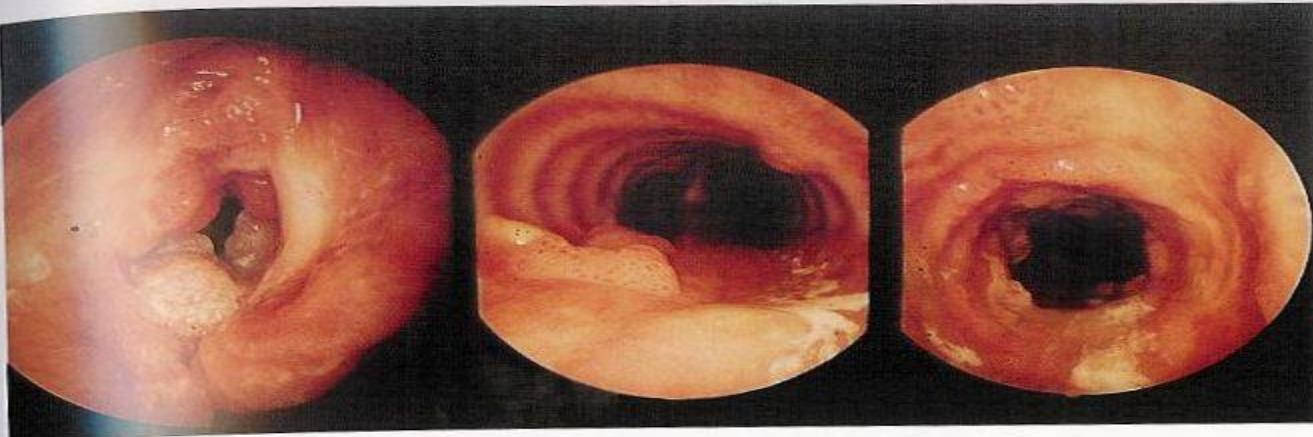
- antifungal regimen

## ■ Recurrent respiratory papillomatosis:

- 2/3 before age 15
- rarely malignant change
- HPV 6-11

## ■ Risks:

- younger first time mother (condyloma acuminata)
- Lesions: wart like (cluster of grapes )
- **Types :**
  - juvenile
  - Senile
- **SSX:**
  - Hoarseness stridor
- **RX;**
  - laser excision ,microdebrider
  - Adjunctive therapy: acyclovir , interferon ...



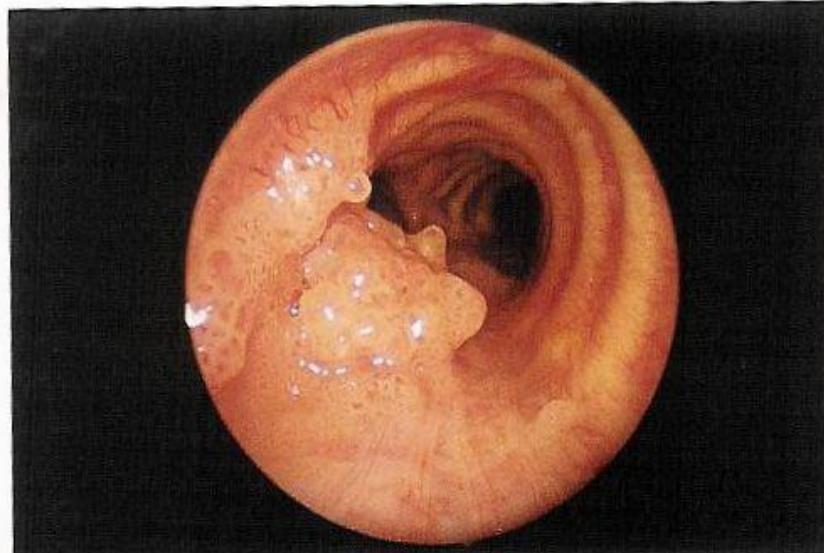
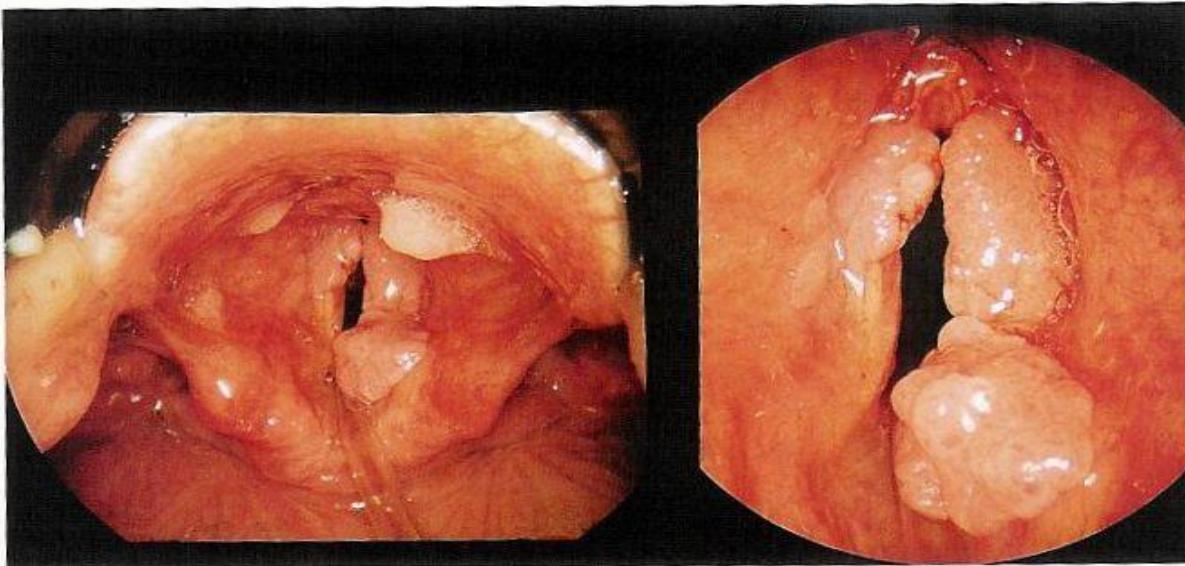
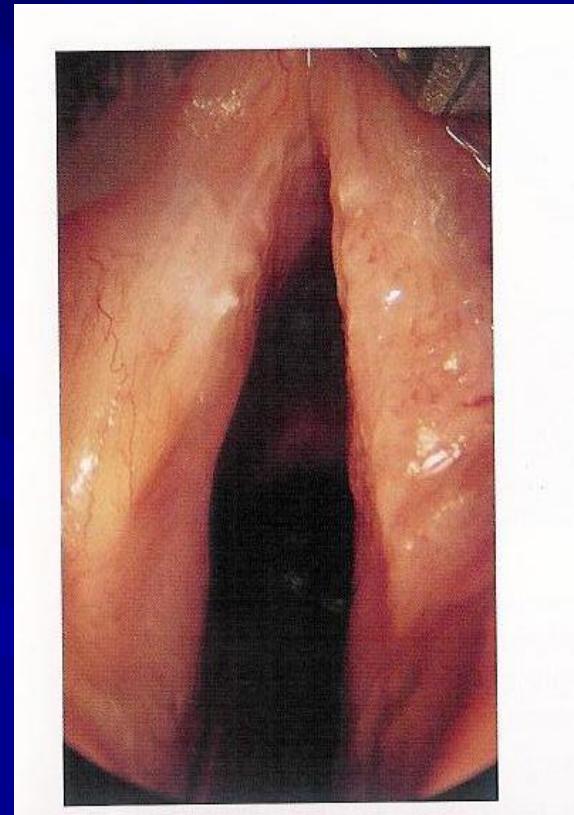


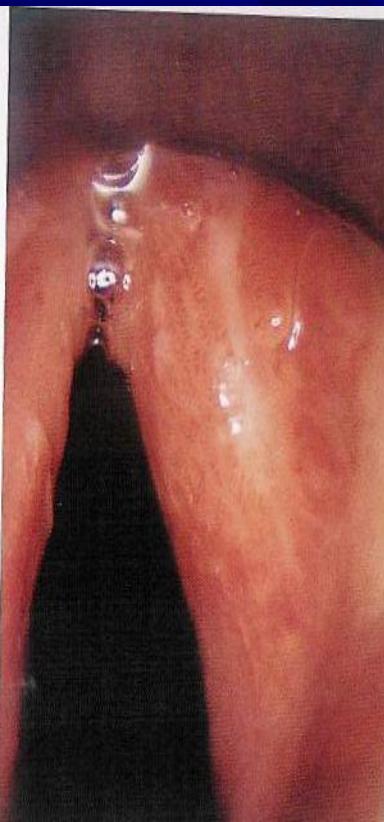
Fig. 22-9



# Malignant neoplasms of the larynx

- 1-5 % of all malignancies
- All are squamous cell carcinomas ;
- **Ssx:**
  - Hoarseness ,aspiration, dysphagia , stridor , wight lost
- **risks:**
  - Smoking ,alcohol ,radiation exposure .
- **Classification :**
- **Supraglottic :**
  - 30-40-% of laryngeal Ca
  - 25-75% nodal metastasis
- **Glottic:**
  - 50-75%
  - Limtted regional metastasis
- **Subglottic :**
  - Rare
  - 20% regional metastasis
- **RX :**
  - Radiotherapy
  - hemilaryngectomy . Total laryngectomy + neck dissection





Thank you