

Voice and Swallowing Disorders Center

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APPOINTMENT LINE

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Conditions Treated

- Laryngeal paralysis
- Laryngeal cancer
- Laryngeal dystonia

Procedures and Therapies

- Office and OR-based laser (KTP, CO₂) therapy for laryngeal and airway lesions
- Endoscopic and open partial laryngectomies
- Complex airway reconstruction (laser, balloon, open and tissue transfer techniques)
- Botulinum toxin therapy for laryngeal dystonias
- Office-based transnasal esophagoscopy
- Office-based bronchoscopies and biopsies
- Voice restoration
- Professional voice therapy
- Laryngotracheal reconstruction for stenosis
- Injection therapies for laryngeal disorders (BOTOX®, Restylane®, Prolaryn®)
- Flexible endoscopic evaluation of swallowing
- Endoscopic Zenker's diverticulectomy

Distinguishing Features

- Multidisciplinary voice therapy team, with ENT and speech language pathology working side by side
- Vocal cord medialization in "awake and talking" patient; OR-based procedure with conscious sedation and voice fine-tuning for optimal effect
- Leading-edge technologies for management of laryngeal papilloma, including Avasatin and KTP laser therapy
- Office-based laryngeal and tracheal procedures for awake patients, including injections
- Office-based KTP laser treatment for laryngeal lesions, eliminating the need for general anesthesia
- Oncologic-laryngeal endoscopic and open procedures with preservation of voice and swallow function

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