

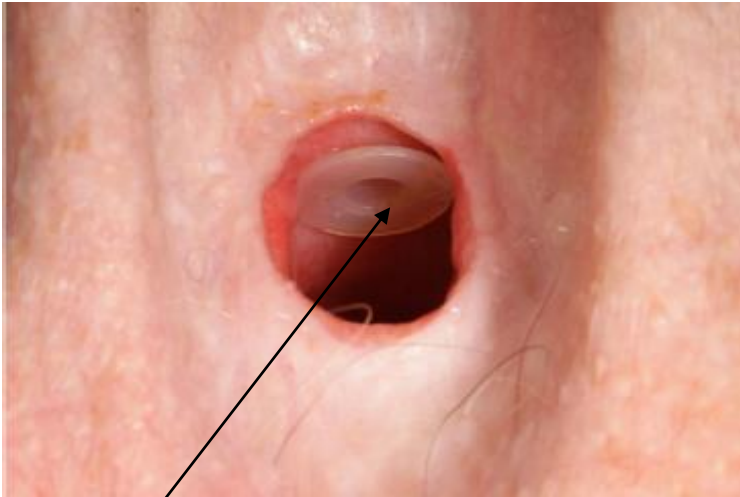


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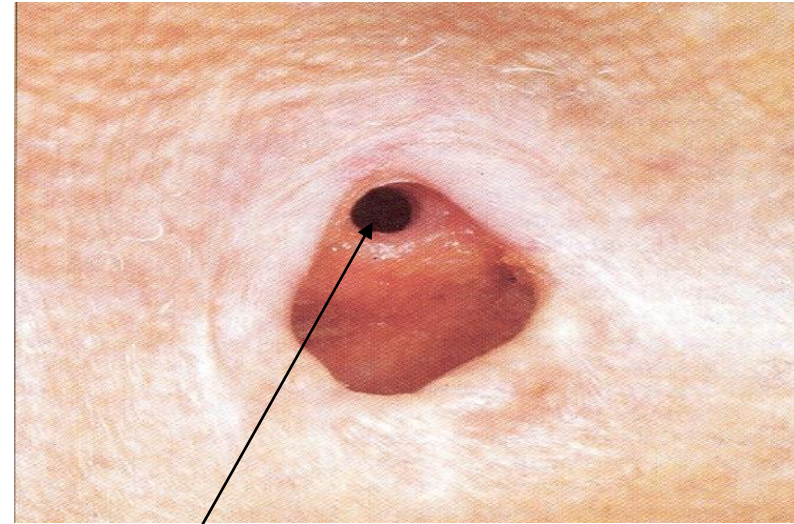


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Emergency procedure for person with a laryngectomy:



Voice prosthesis



Tracheo-oesophageal puncture (TEP)

IF THE VOICE PROSTHESIS BECOMES DISLODGED :

Act quickly-if left unstented, TEP can close down in a few hours.

If TEP closes, patient will lose their communication system and have to undergo another surgery.

1. Insert emergency catheter to keep TEP patent.
2. Make a knot using the wider end of the catheter.
3. Insert narrow end of red catheter into TEP.
4. IF YOU CANNOT INSERT THE CATHETER – CONTACT SLT/ ENT ON CALL.
5. Chest xray if can't locate voice prosthesis-it may have been aspirated into lungs (Prosthesis is radio-opaque).
6. Contact SLT/ENT on call.

