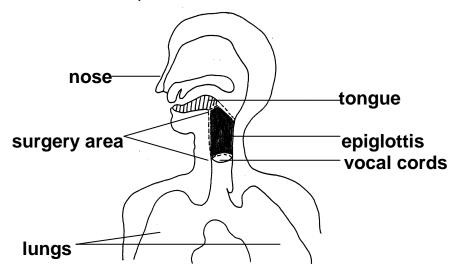


Supraglottic Laryngectomy Surgery

What is supraglottic laryngectomy surgery?

Supraglottic laryngectomy surgery removes the structures above the vocal cords. The surgery may remove the false vocal cords, the epiglottis, the base of the tongue and some of the cartilage and bone in this area. Here is a picture of the side view of this area:



What happens to my voice after surgery?

You will have a fairly normal voice since your vocal cords are not removed.

Will I be able to eat after surgery?

You may find that it is harder to swallow. You may need to learn how to swallow after surgery. If you have trouble swallowing ask your doctor to refer you to a Speech-Language Pathologist for help.

A Dietitian will help you learn:

- what food to eat and
- how to prepare your food