
EDITORS' SPEAK

Aerodigestive Tract Disorders

Endoscopic evaluation and intervention of the aerodigestive tract can often be as challenging as rewarding. Often seemingly trivial issues such as infections and oral ingestion of non-vegetative 'foreign bodies' can take a turn for the sinister. It is the high index of suspicion and vigilance on the part of the treating clinician that make all the difference.

The vast overlap, in the spectrum of upper aerodigestive tract pathologies that are treated by a variety of specialists including Otolaryngologists, Pulmonologists and Gastroenterologists, has led to multidisciplinary treatment strategies; in addition, various surgical instruments have been developed and conceived as a result of this union.

This issue has been dedicated to the pathologies of the upper aerodigestive tract including the airway, larynx, and pharynx.



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