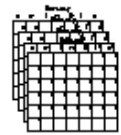


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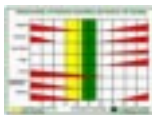
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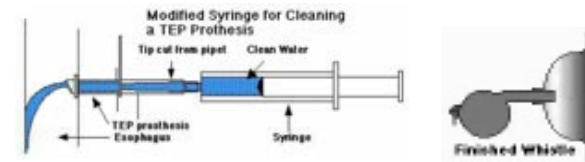
There are a variety of Helpful Hints on the WebWhispers web site with information for those who have been diagnosed with cancer of the larynx. Addresses are provided for ordering free catalogs and videotapes, along with links to cancer information sites such as the American Cancer Society and the International Association of Laryngectomees. Should a laryngectomy be necessary, suggestions found here will aid in preparations for surgery and aftercare.



These useful suggestions are indexed by categories such as stoma care, treatment side effects, and discussions about activities. Illustrations are provided to make them easier to understand.



The sections relating to talking again, include tips on obtaining and using an electrolarynx and an explanation of the TEP prosthesis as well as esophageal speech and alternative methods of communications.



All laryngectomees may learn new and better ways of doing daily tasks from the hints that are submitted here by other laryngectomees.



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Support groups and members listed geographically

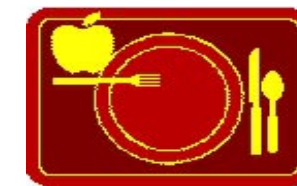
Additional member information including bios, websites, photos



International Association of Laryngectomees information links



Links to suppliers



Special recipes and advice

Laryngectomee anecdotes



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WebWhispers Founder and Webmaster

Lt. Col. David L. Helms, USAF, (Ret.) is known as “Dutch” to the many grateful larynx cancer patients and survivors who meet on the site he started after his own laryngectomy in 1994.

Dutch had been a military jet pilot, negotiator, teacher, instructor, coach, narrator and emcee for a variety of events. He had held briefings, led discussions, and sang in choirs, choruses, and even barbershop quartets. His entire life had been about talking and singing. He simply could not imagine going through life without his voice and, thus, losing it was devastating.



No one told Dutch about the existence of local laryngectomy support groups so he did not have that benefit. His computer provided some answers and, in an effort to help himself in his own adjustment and to aid others, he invited other laryngectomees worldwide to join him on his newly created “Cancer of the Larynx” web site.

In just a few years this became the international online support group that has become known as “WebWhispers,” which now supplies the needed reliable information, assistance, support, and guidance to the initially diagnosed larynx cancer patient and provides social interaction with others who share the same lifestyle, have confronted the same problems, and are willing to work together for the benefit of all laryngectomees.

Dutch resides in Seabrook, TX, and is the permanent Webmaster and member of the Executive Committee of WebWhispers.

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What is cancer of the larynx?

What are the treatments?

What kind of surgery will I have?

Will radiation or chemotherapy be necessary?

What is a laryngectomy?

Will I be able to speak again?

How long before I recover?

Will I be able to go on working?

How will it change my life?



Those who are facing larynx cancer can find the answers to these and many other questions on the WebWhispers web site and through discussions held on the e-mail lists.