

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Vocal Cord Paralysis

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	THE LARYNX IS COMMONLY CALLED THE VOICEBOX. NOW THAT'S A BIT IRONIC BECAUSE...
Nicholas Maragos, M.D. Track 2 (4:38)	"THE LARYNX WASN'T MADE TO TALK. IT OPENS TO BREATHE, IT CLOSES TO SWALLOW AND THAT'S THE MAIN FUNCTION."
	MAYO CLINIC DR. NICOLAS MARAGOS SAYS THROUGH THE AGES, WE'VE FIGURED OUT HOW TO USE THE LARYNX TO COMMUNICATE. BUT SOMETIMES, INJURY OR DISEASE CAN PARALYZE ONE OR, IN RARE CASES, BOTH OF THE VOCAL

	CORDS. A PATIENTS VOICE...
Dr. Maragos Track 3 (1:22)	“CAN BE EITHER VERY BREATHY OR THEY CAN BE TOTALLY APHONIC, MEANING THEY HAVE NO VOICE.”
	BREATHING AND SWALLOWING ALSO CAN BE AFFECTED. SURGERY, CALLED THYROPLASTY, CAN HELP.
Dr. Maragos Track 1 (3:30)	“YOU CAN’T GET NORMAL MOVEMENT BACK, BUT WE CAN REPOSITION THE VOCAL CORDS.”
	AND THAT CAN IMPROVE VOICE QUALITY. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, REPOSITIONING CAN IMPROVE ANY BREATHING OR SWALLOWING DIFFICULTIES.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.