

# Anatomie du larynx

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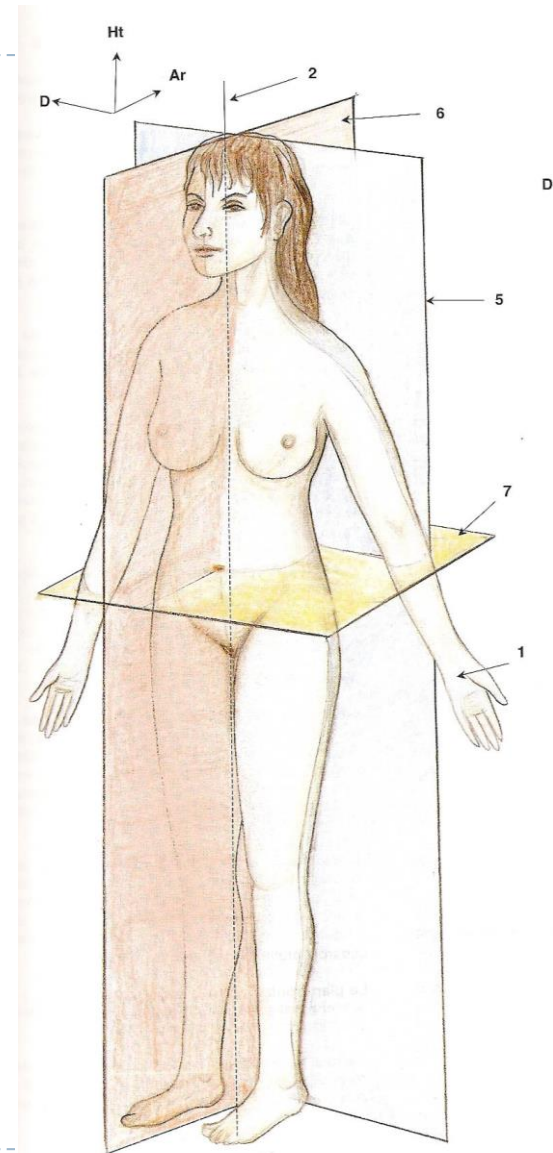
# Quelques notions d'orientation...

Gauche/droite  
En haut/en bas  
Avant/arrière

Plan sagittal = antéro-postérieur

Plan frontal = de gauche à droite

Plan transversal/axial = horizontal



Les 3 plans de l'espace sur un sujet vue de 3/4 gauche, en position anatomique de référence

# Pour parler, il faut...

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Des résonateurs

[ Des plis vocaux

De l'air



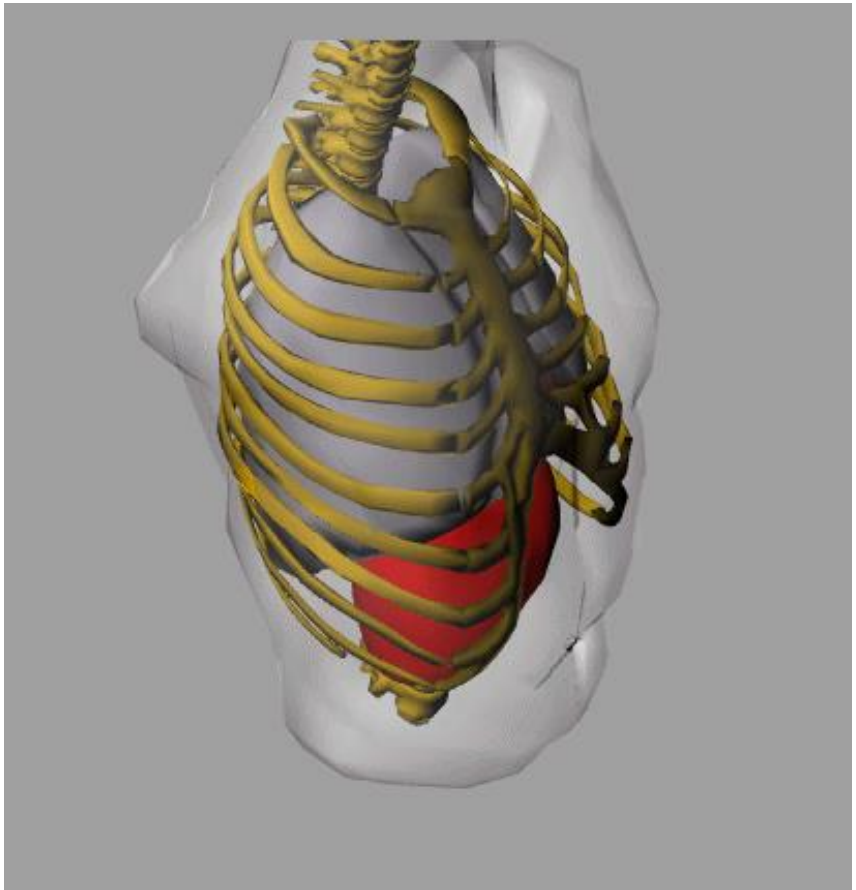
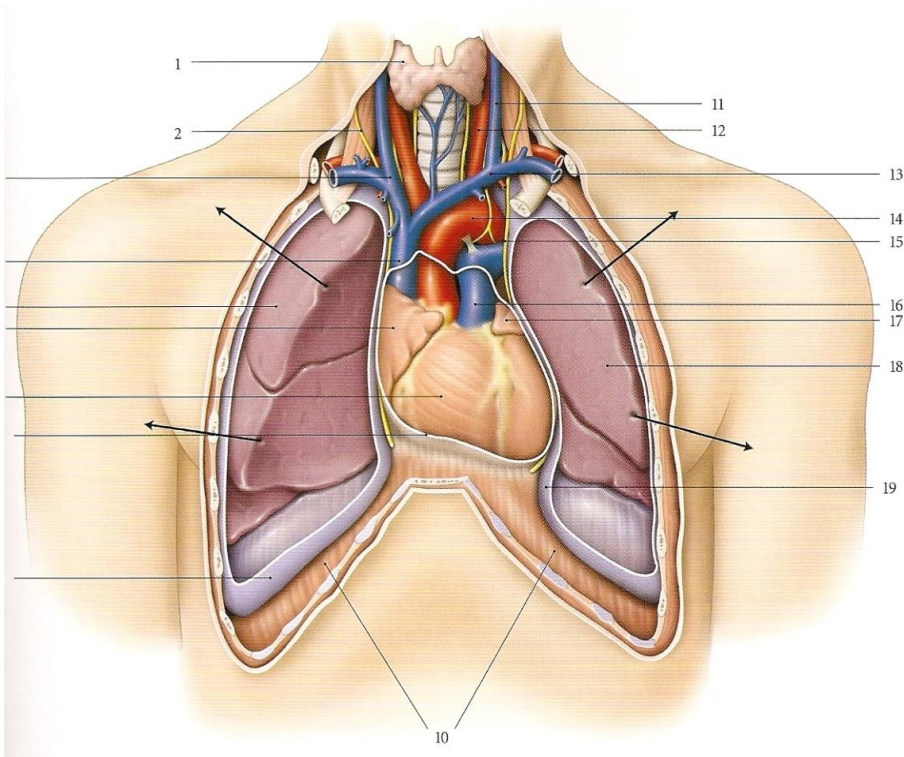
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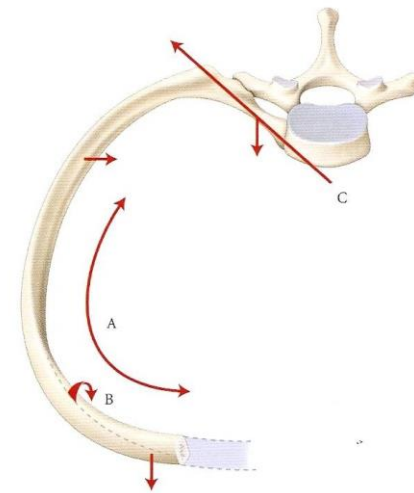
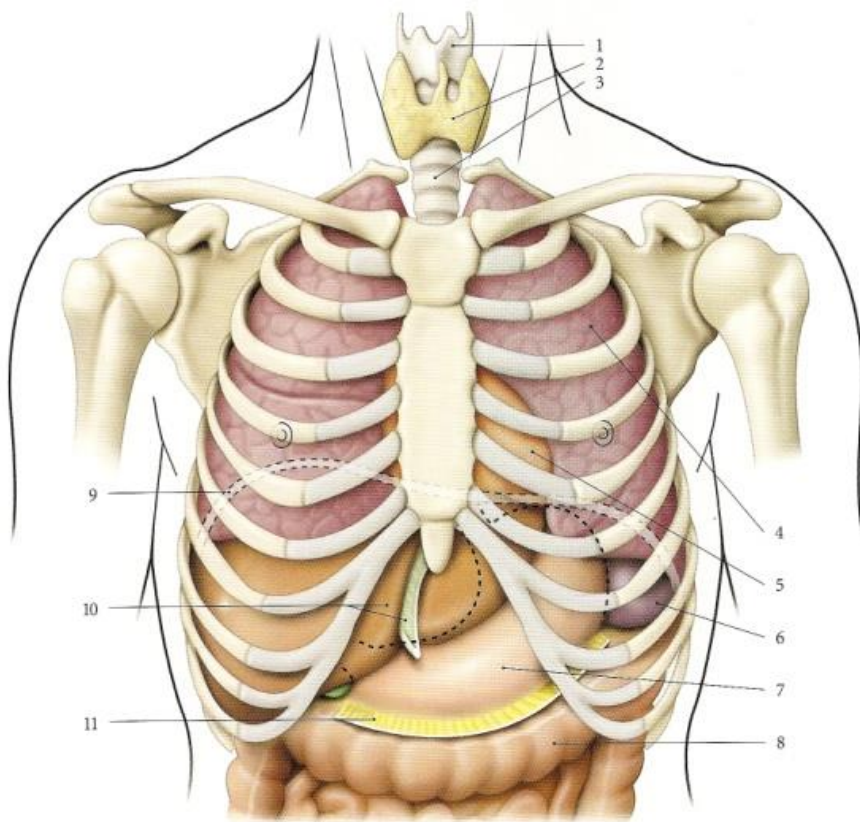
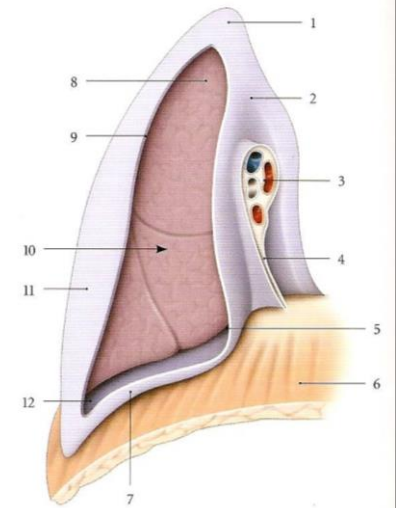


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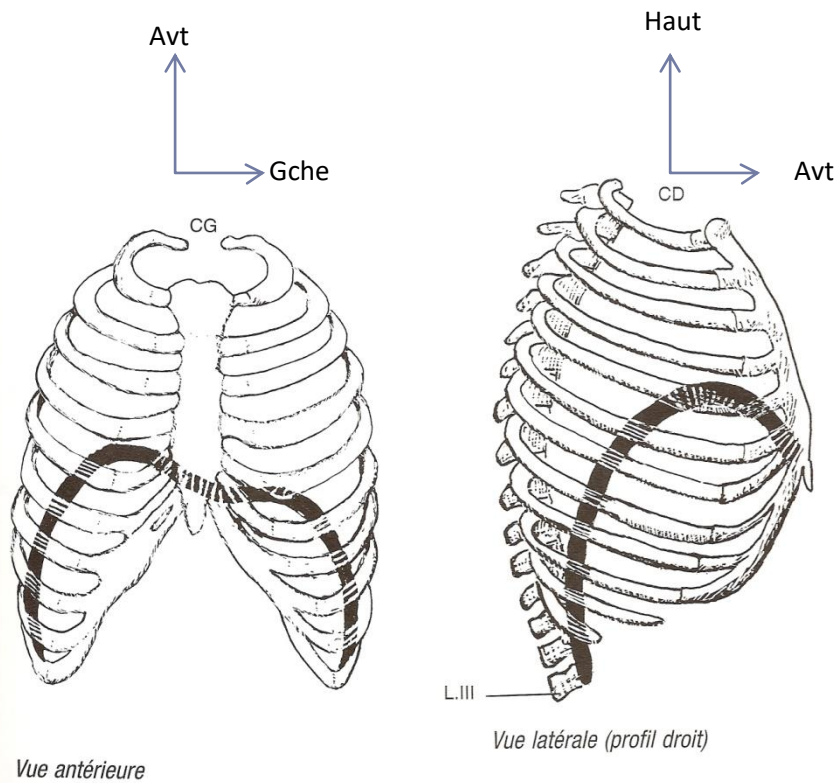
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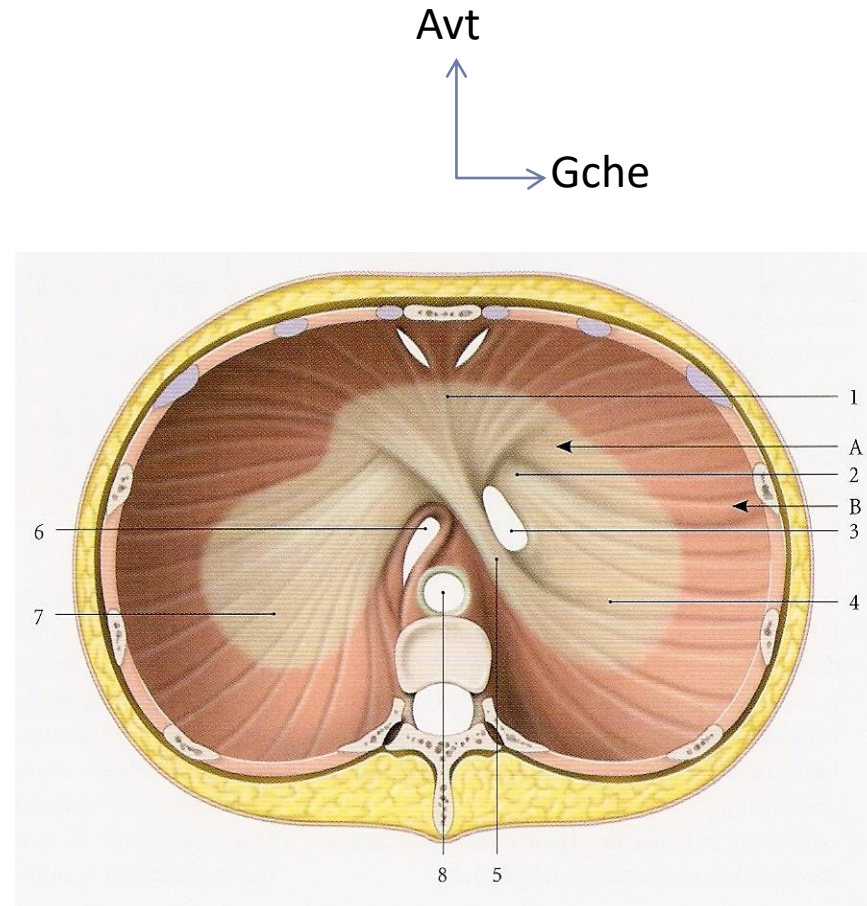
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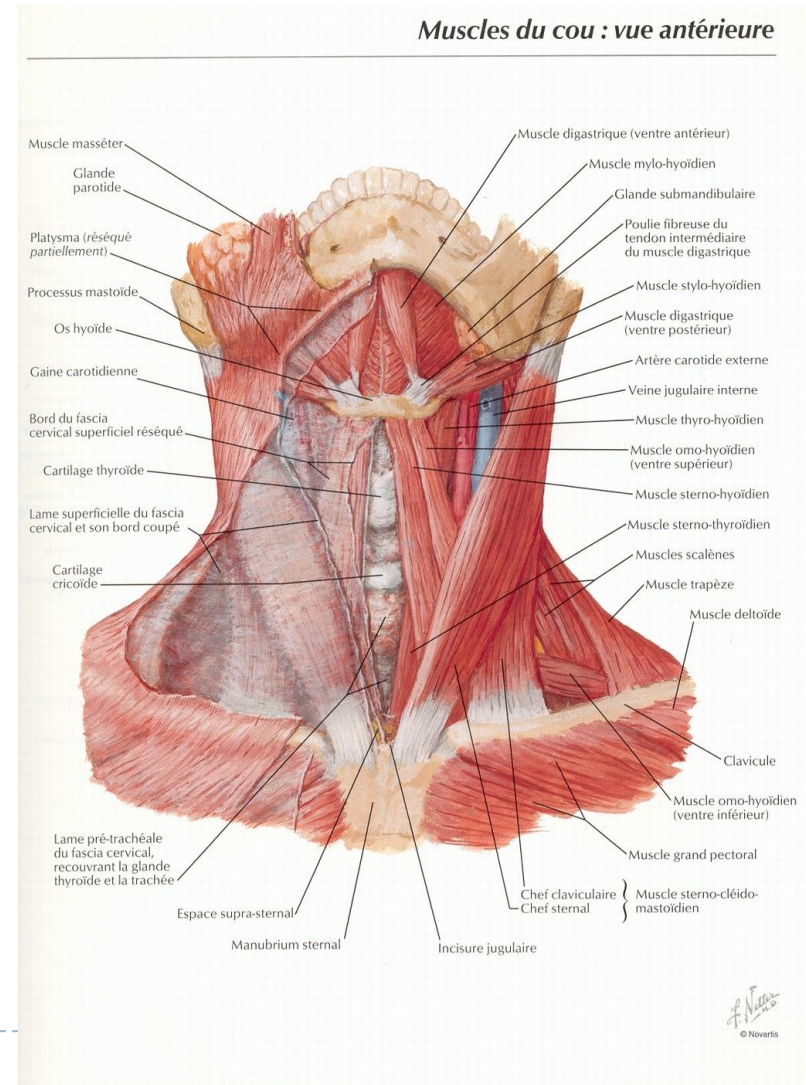
Projection du diaphragme sur la cage thoracique



Vue supérieure du diaphragme

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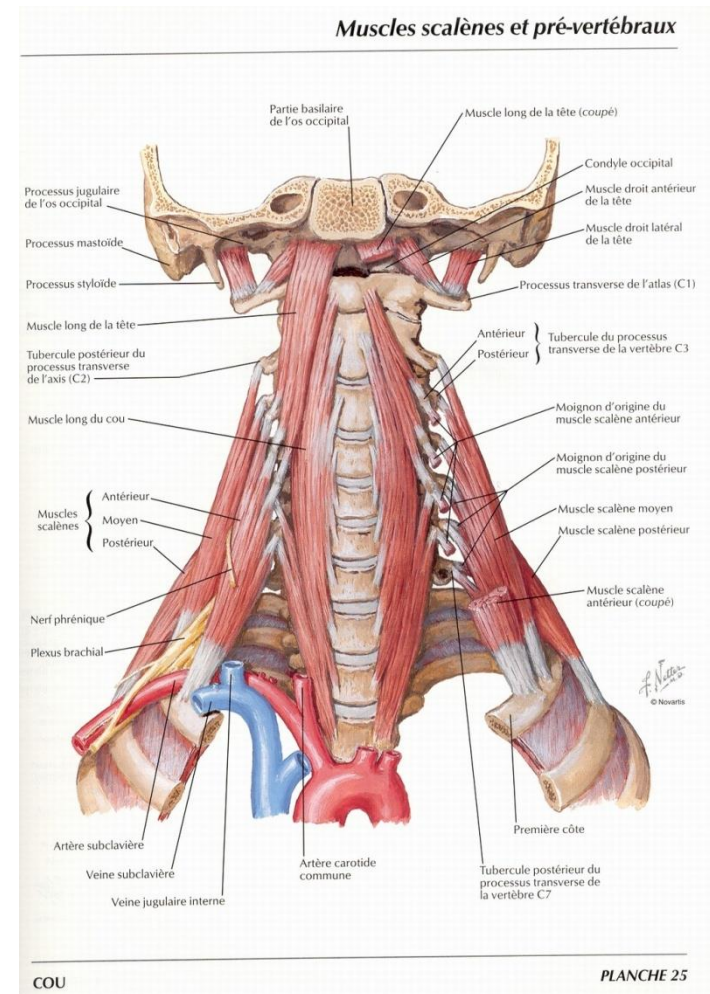
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- Muscles intercostaux externes
- Sterno-cléido-mastoïdien





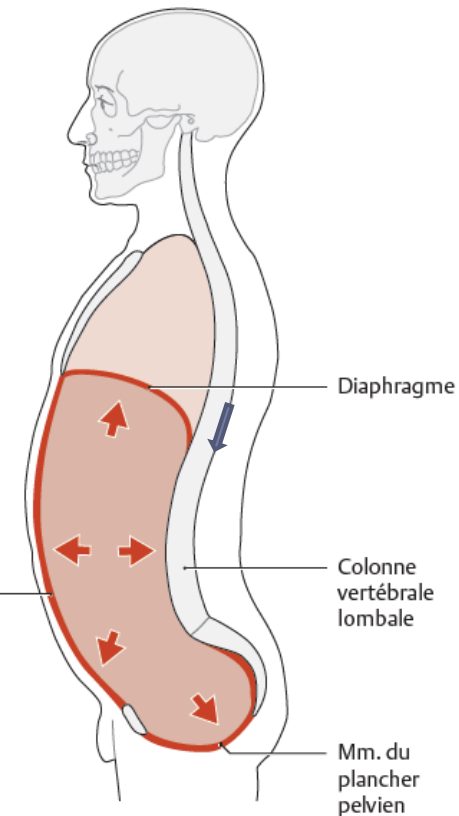
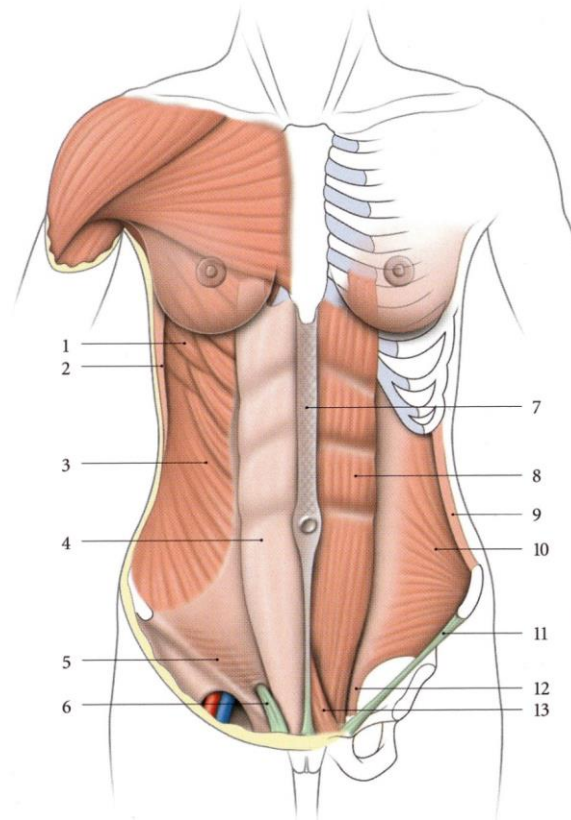
# L'appareil respiratoire

- Muscles inspiratoires accessoires
- Muscles scalènes



# L'appareil respiratoire

- Expiration passive
- Muscles expiratoires
  - Muscles intercostaux internes
  - Muscles abdominaux



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# Le larynx

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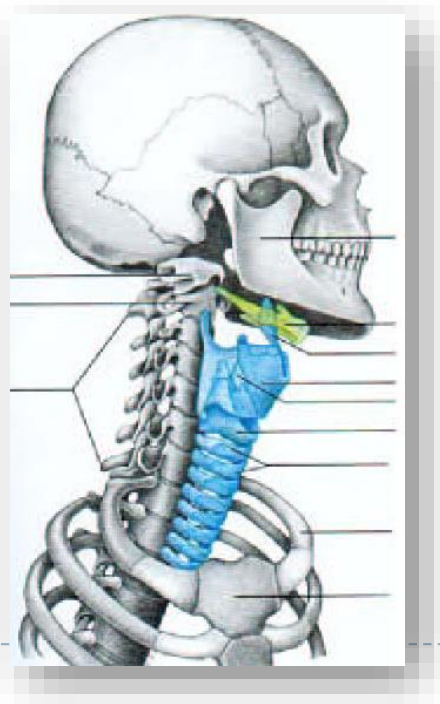


# Introduction

# Morphologie externe

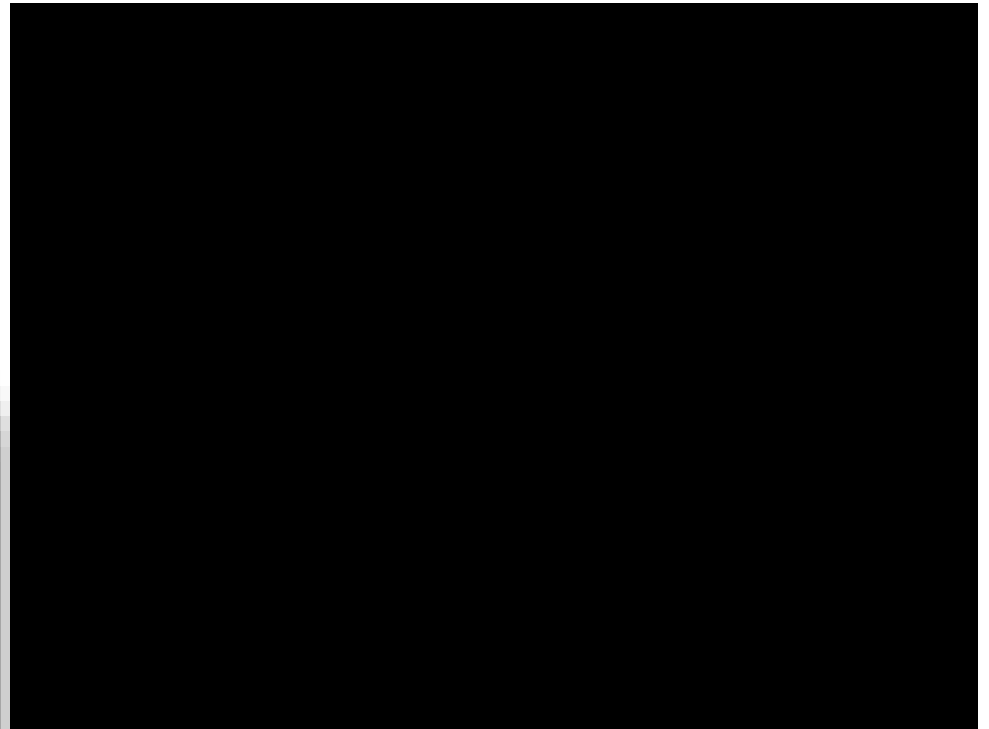
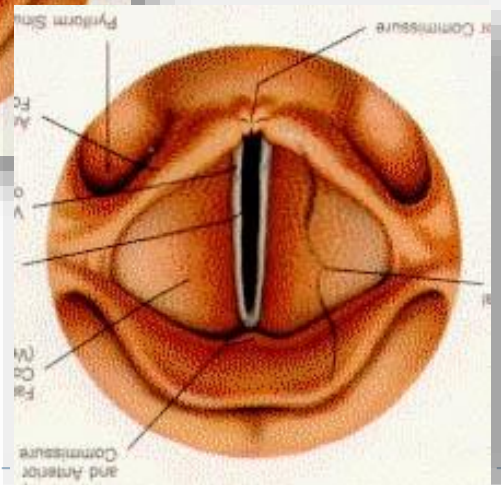
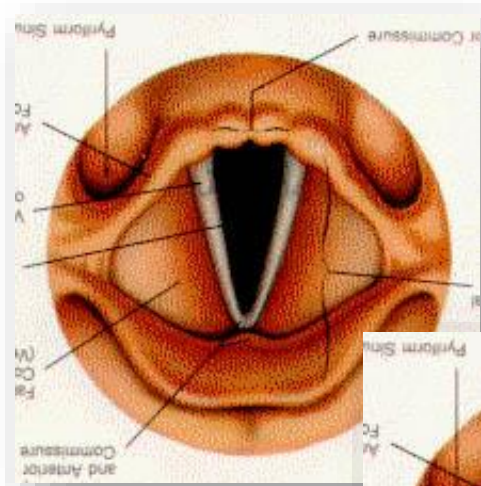
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- ▶ Palpation et morphologie externe



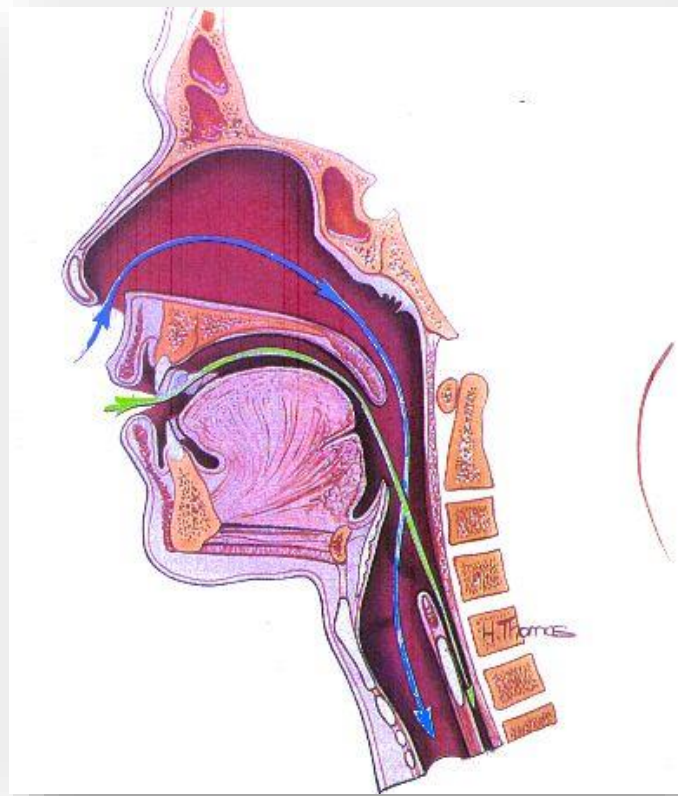
# Les fonctions du larynx

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# Le carrefour aéro-digestif

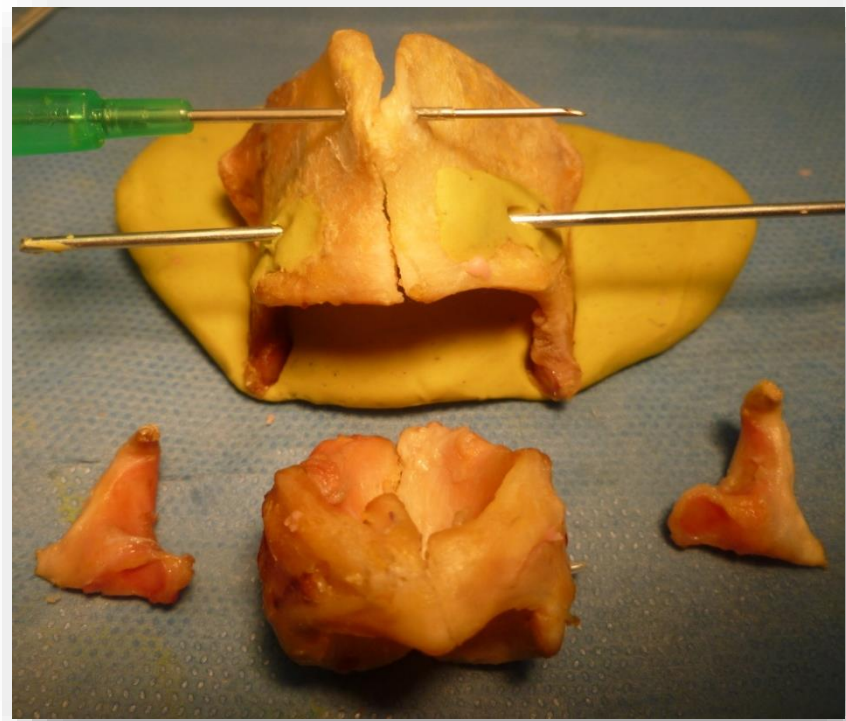
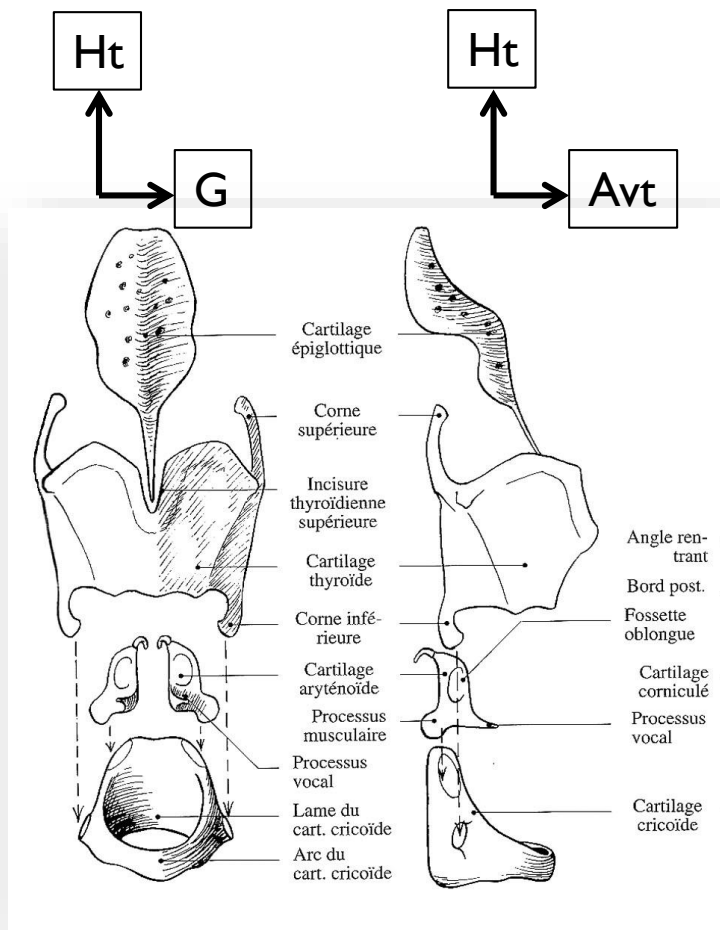
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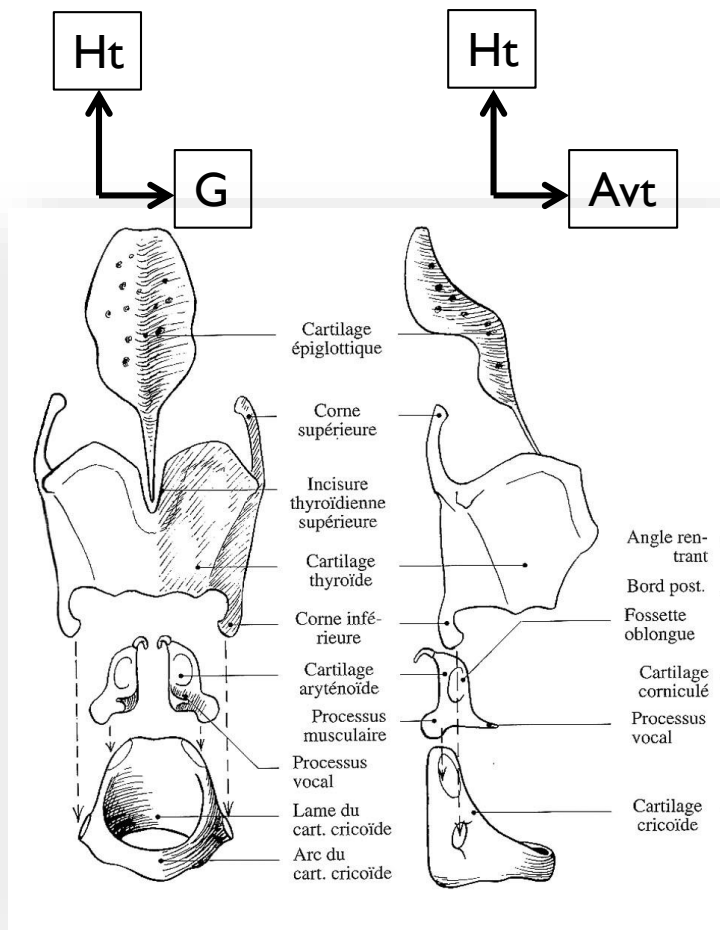
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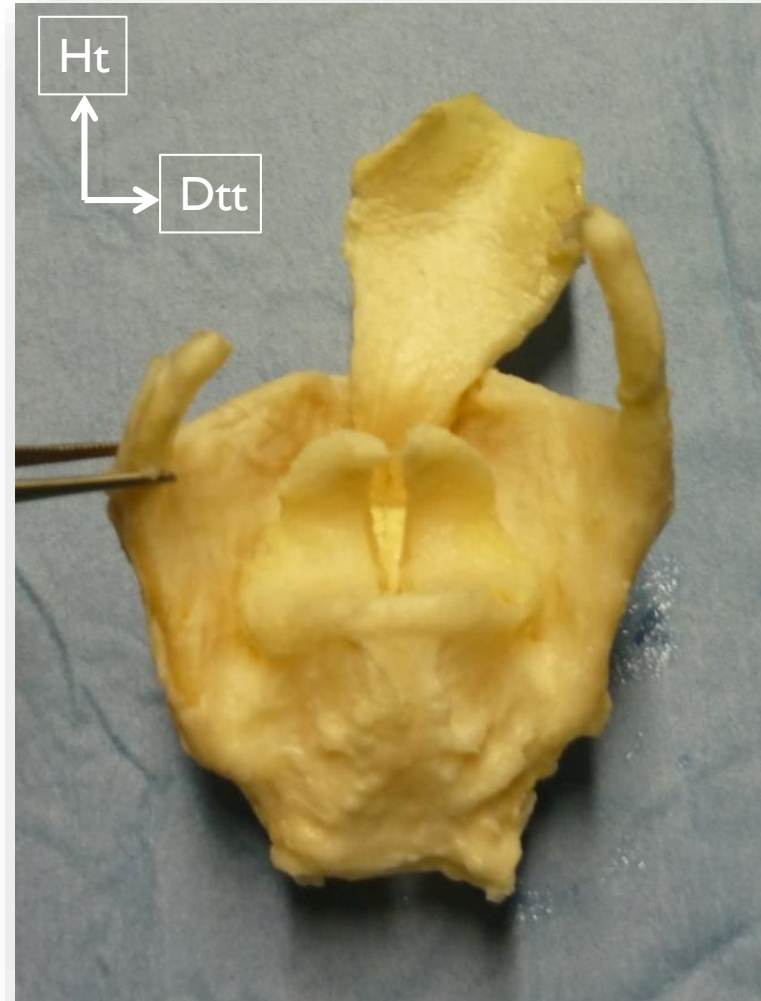
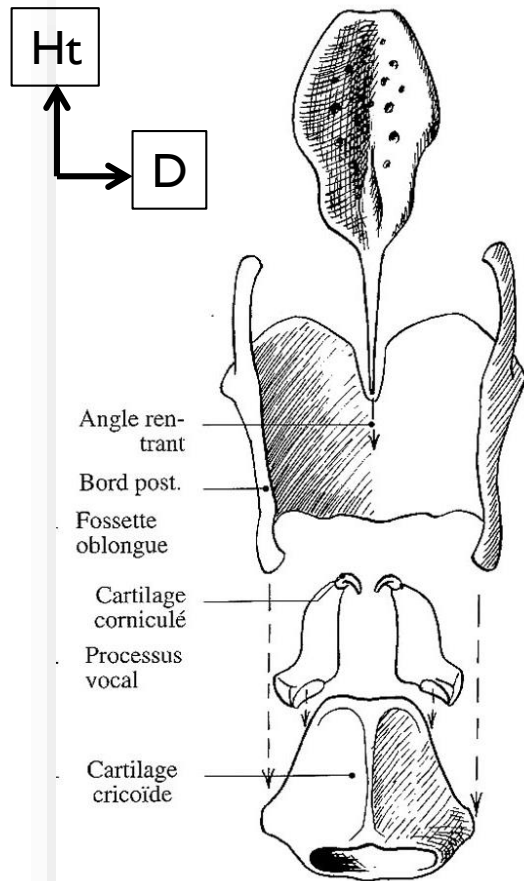
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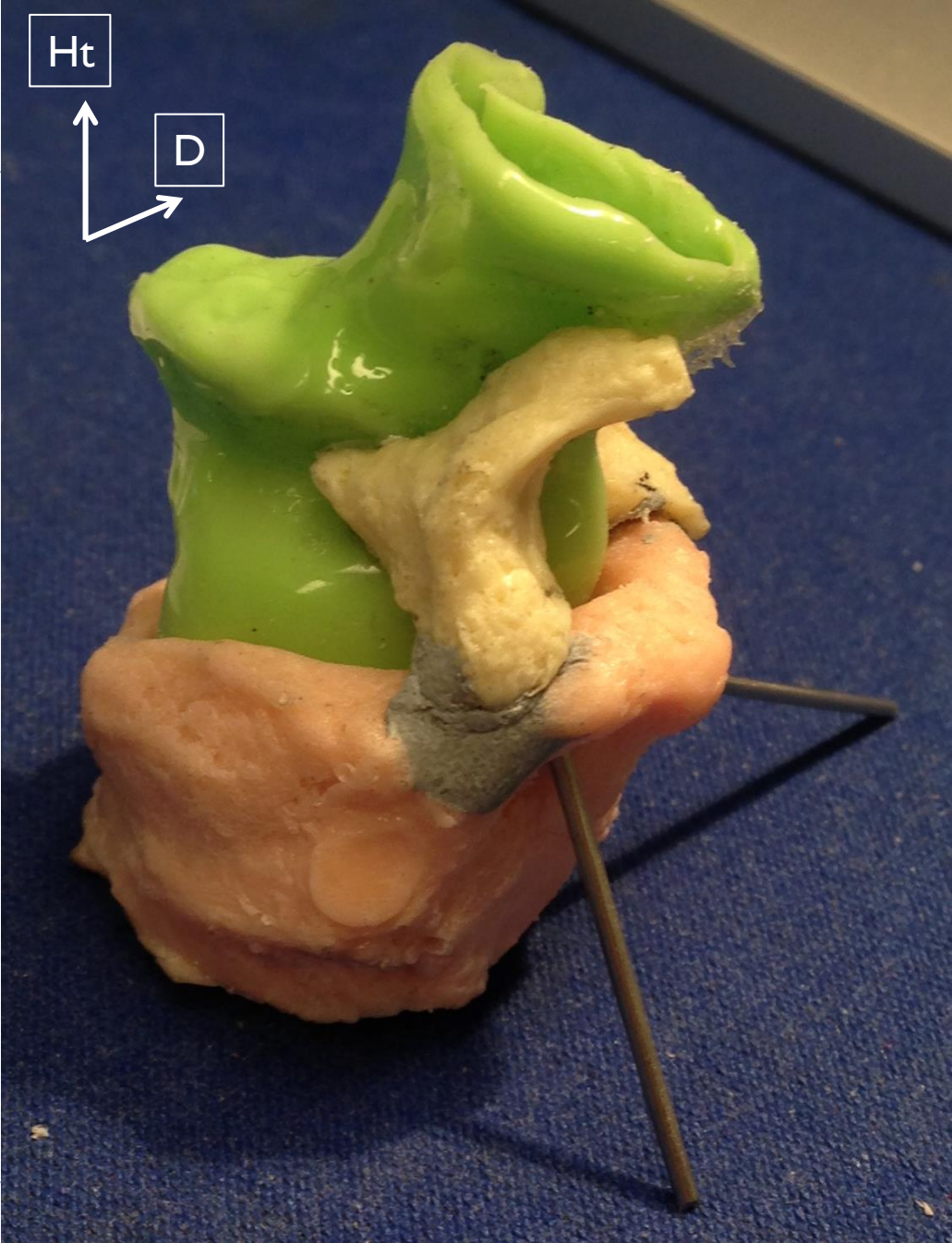


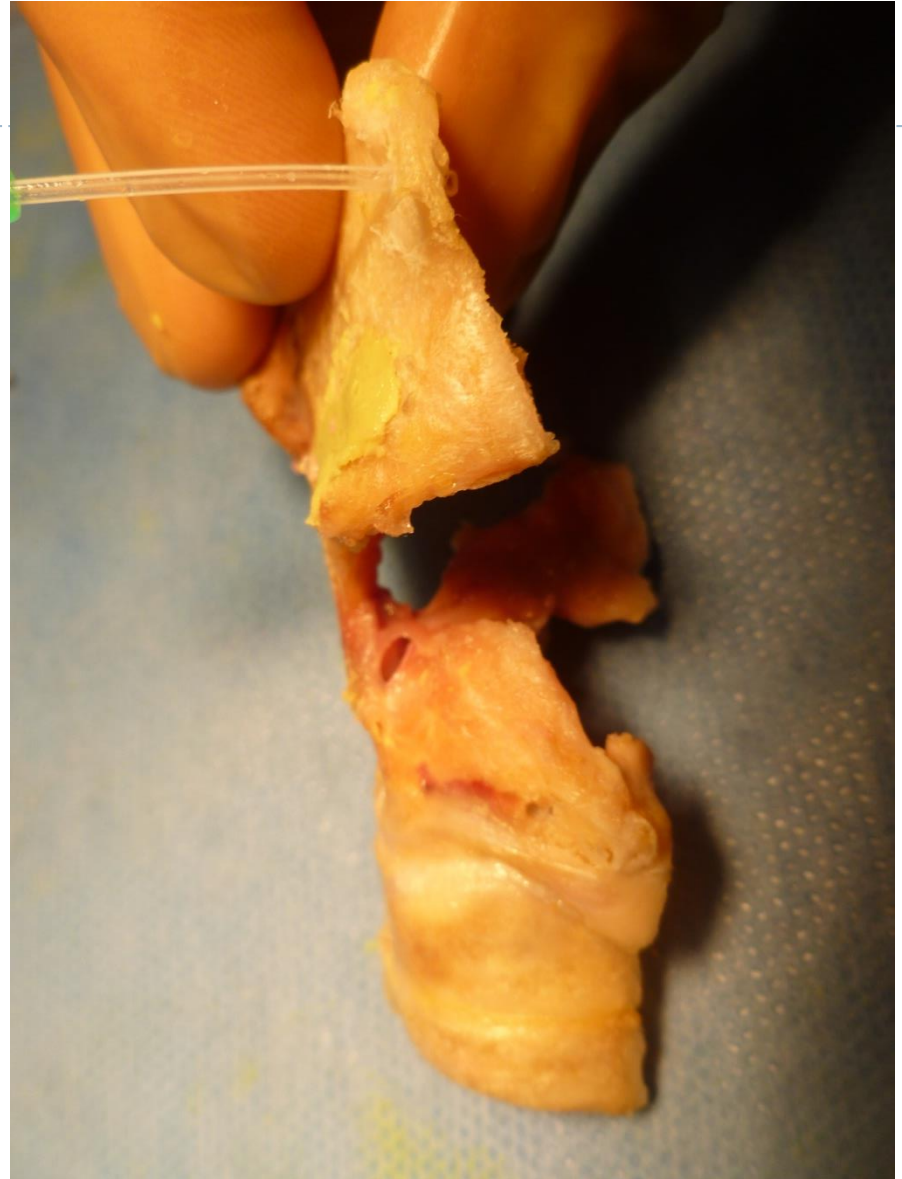
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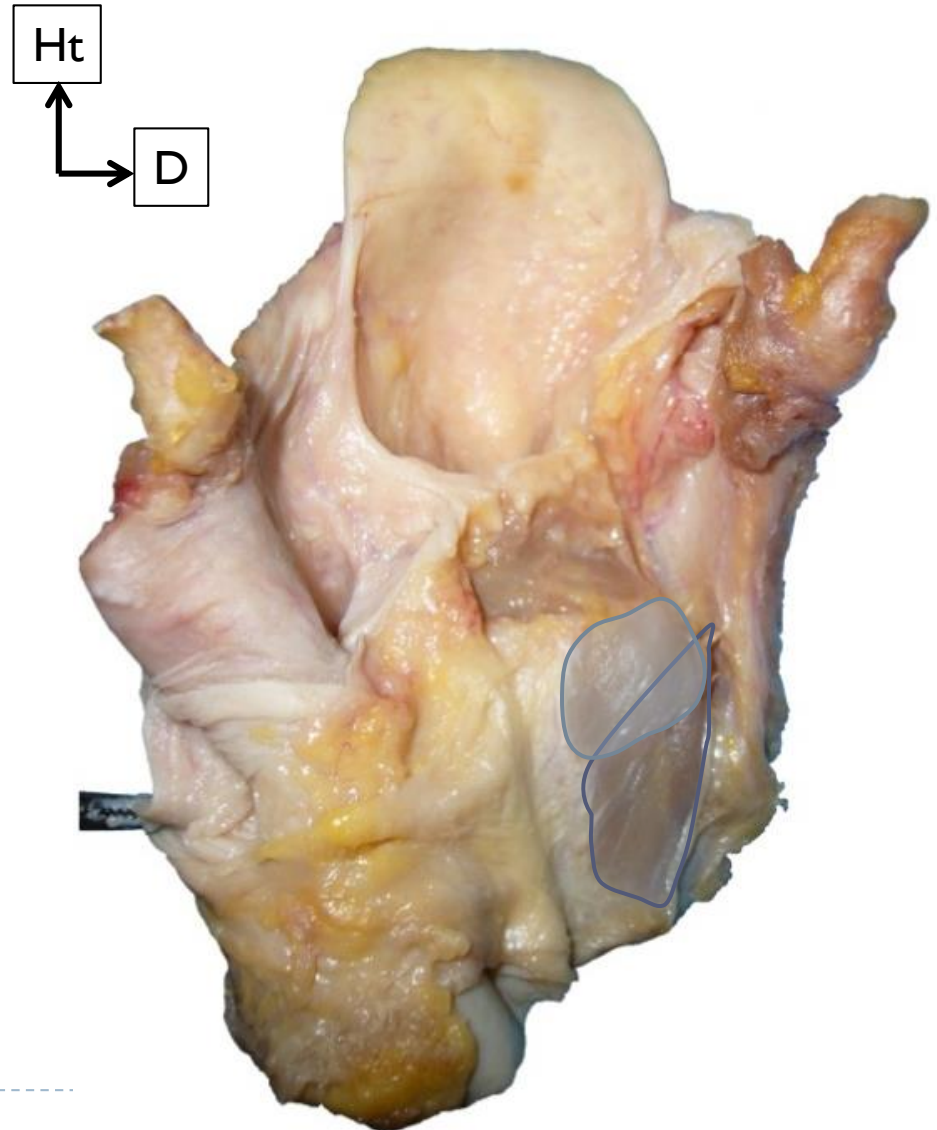
# Muscles laryngés intrinsèques



# Muscle crico-aryténoïdien postérieur (CAP)

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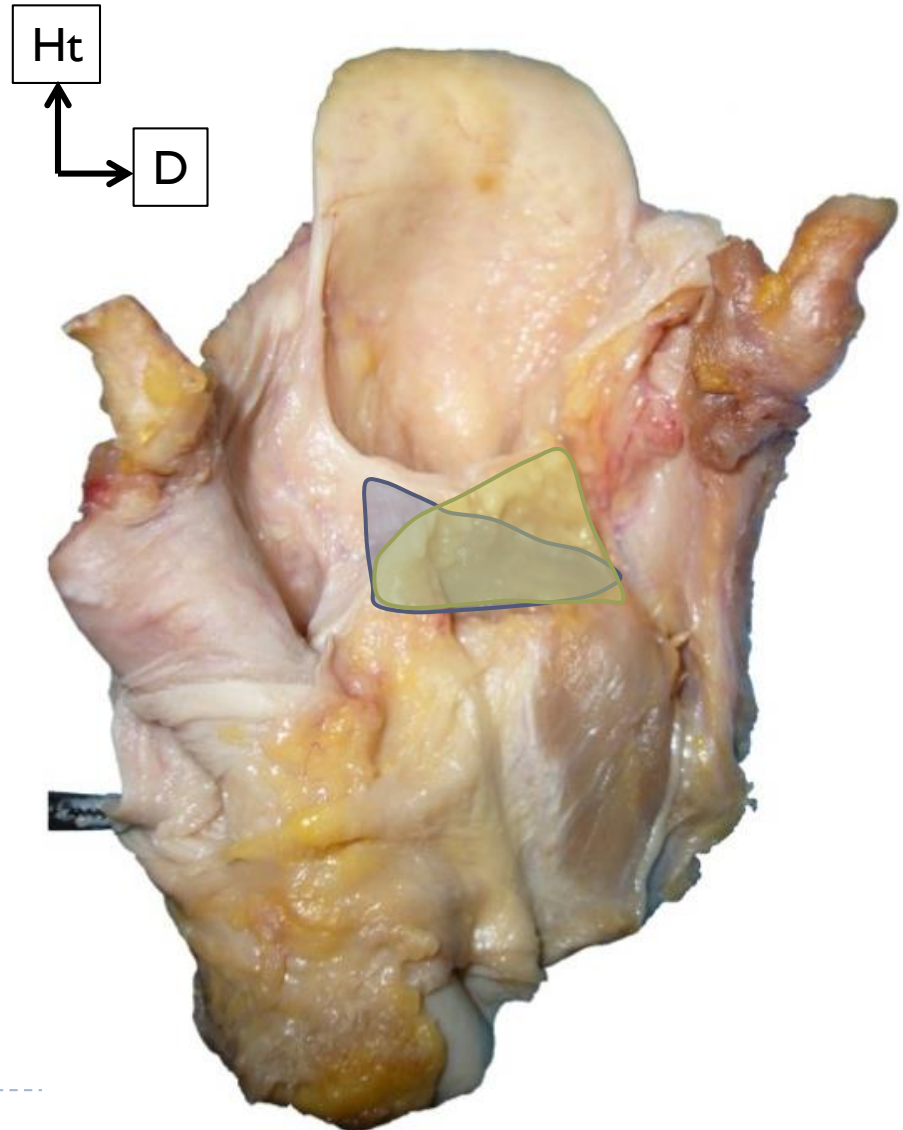
- ▶ Abduction des plis vocaux
- ▶ Muscle respiratoire



# Muscle Inter-aryténoïdien (IA)

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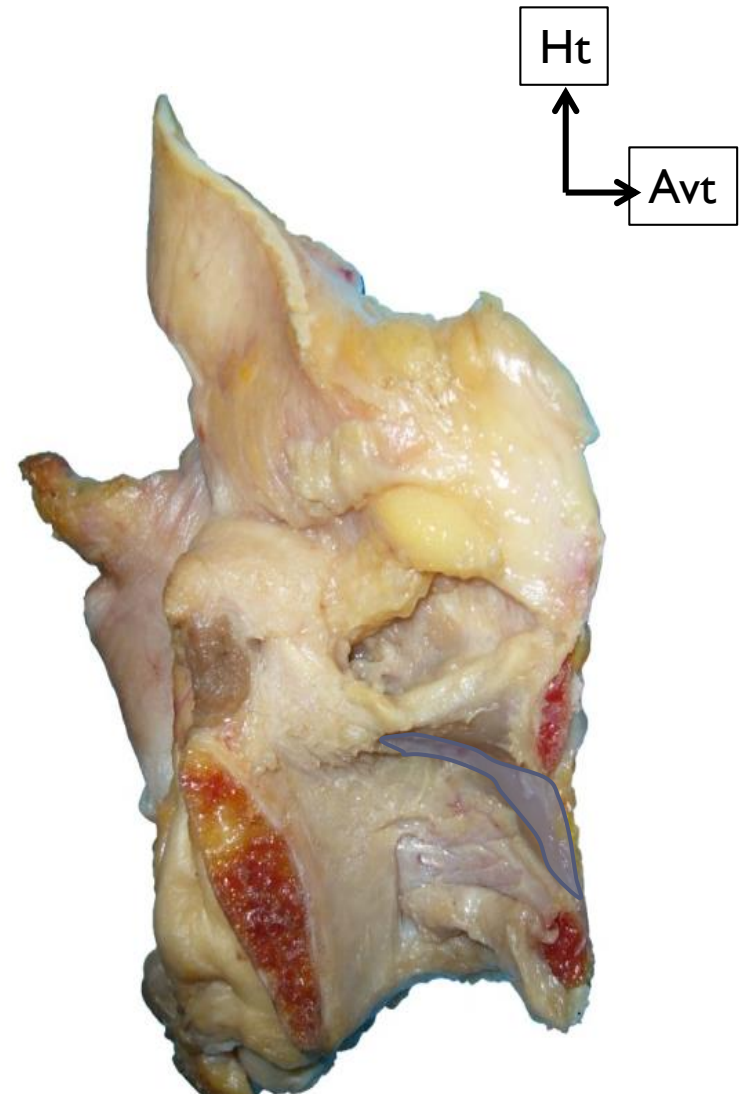
- ▶ Adduction des aryténoïdes



# Muscle crico-aryténoïdien latéral (CAL)

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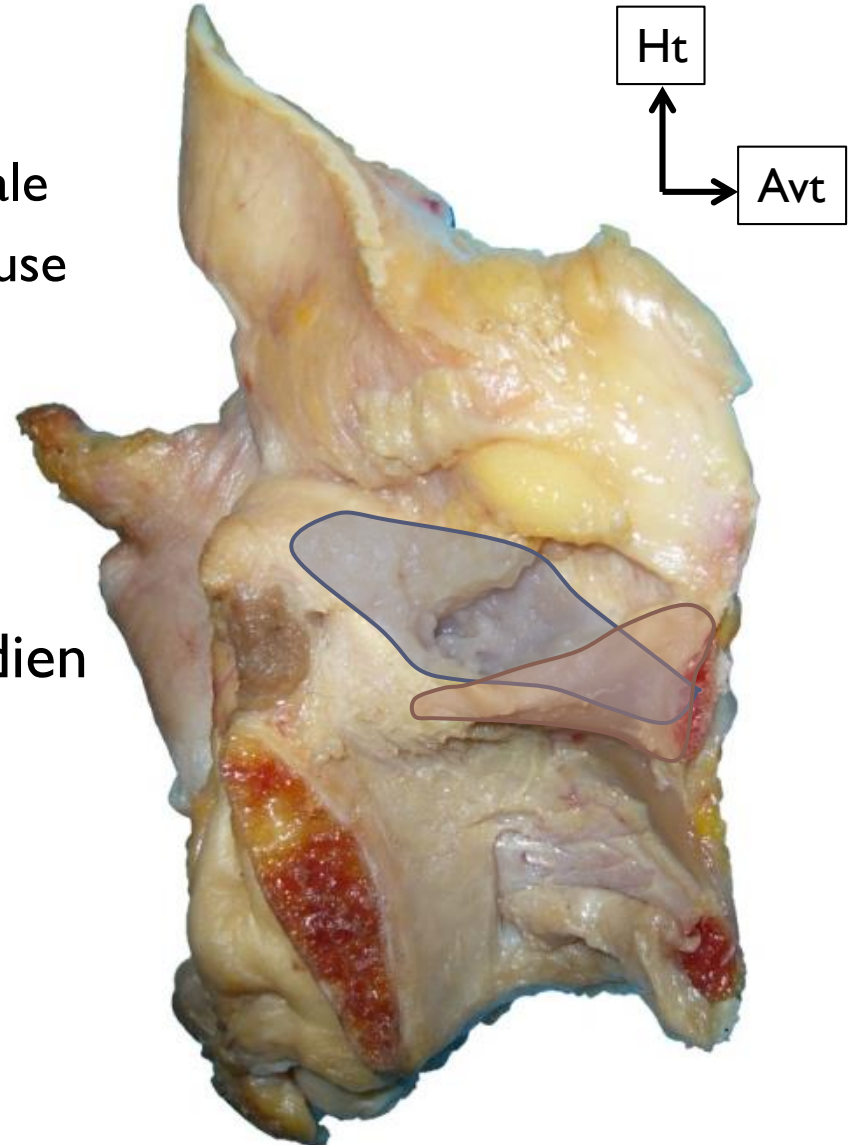
- ▶ Adduction du processus vocal de l'aryténoïde
- ▶ Elongation du pli vocal



# Muscle thyro-aryténoïdien (TA)

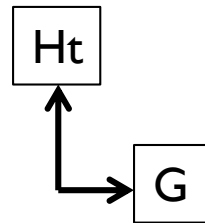
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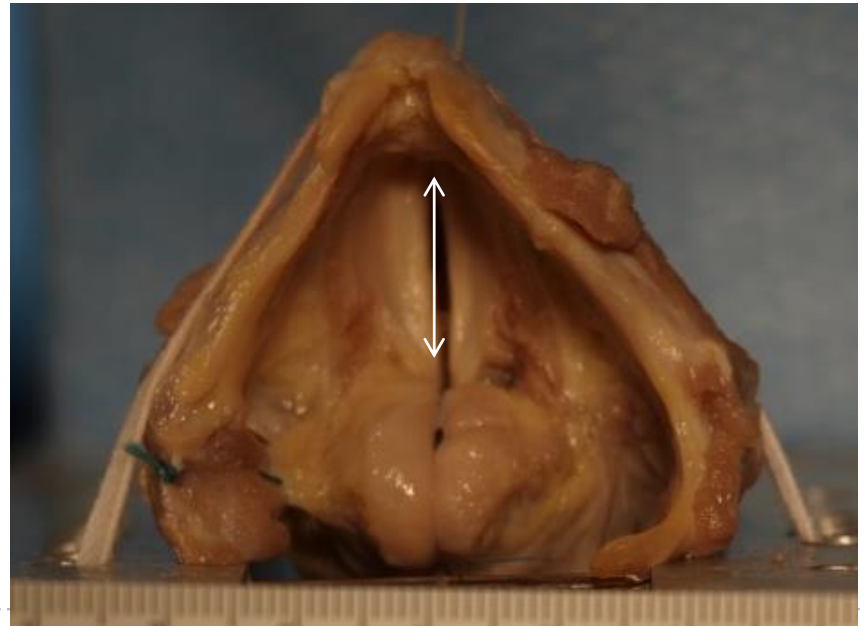
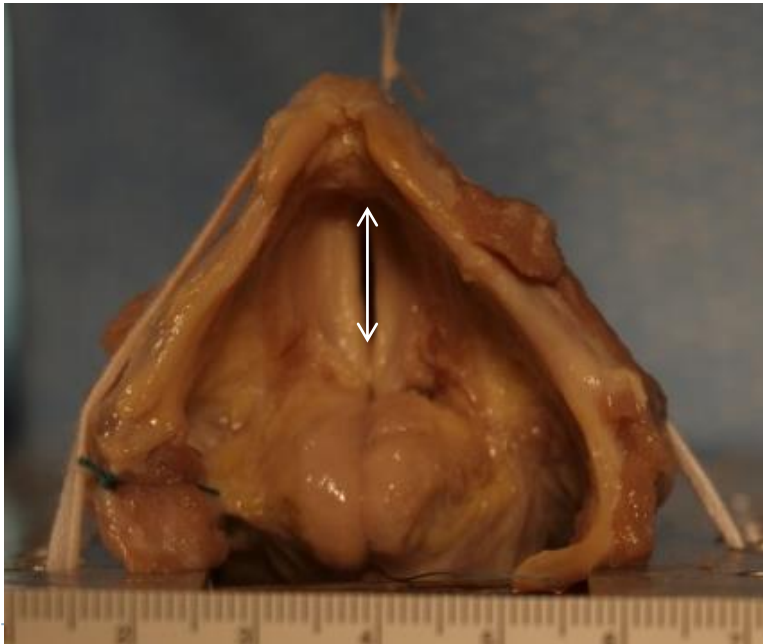
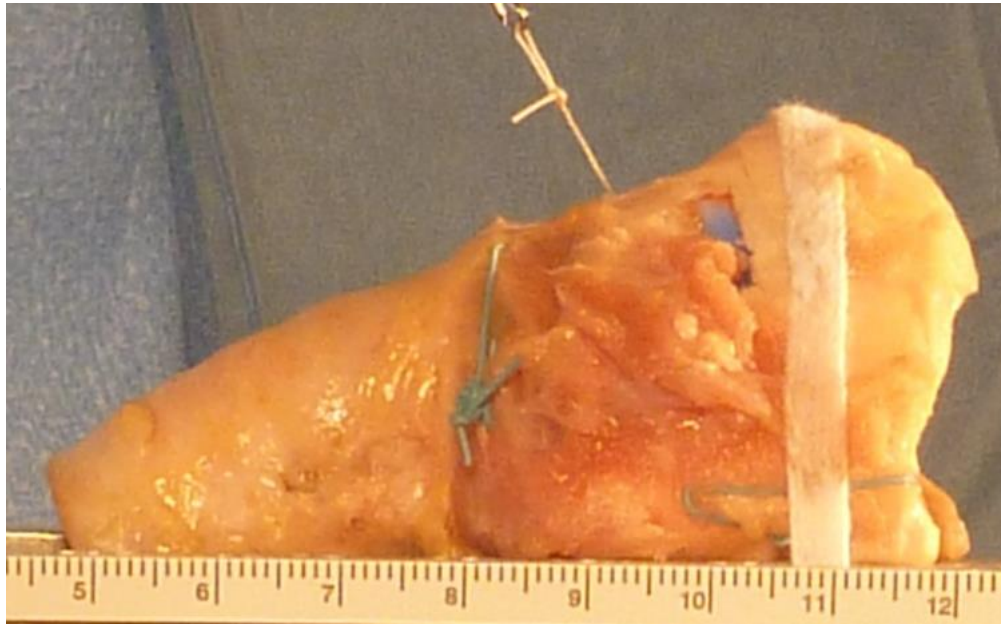
- ▶ Adduction du pli vocal
  - ▶ Adduction aryténoïdienne marginale
  - ▶ Adduction de la partie membraneuse du pli
  
- ▶ Rigidification du pli en co-contraction avec le crico-thyroïdien



# Muscle crico-thyroïdien

- ▶ Elongation des plis
  - ▶ Par bascule du cricoïde
- ▶ Adduction de la partie membraneuse des plis vocaux



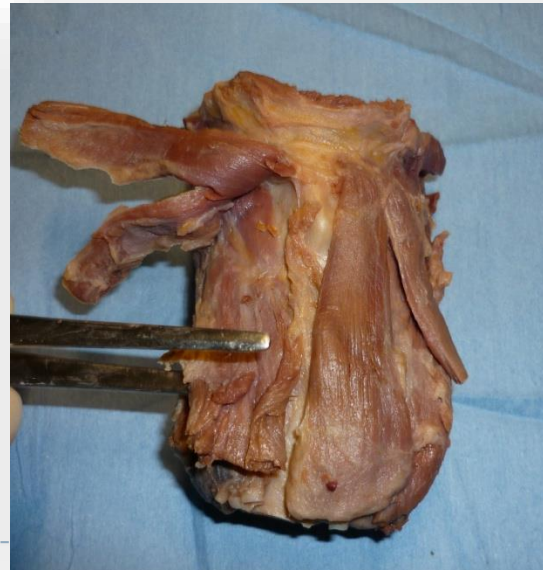


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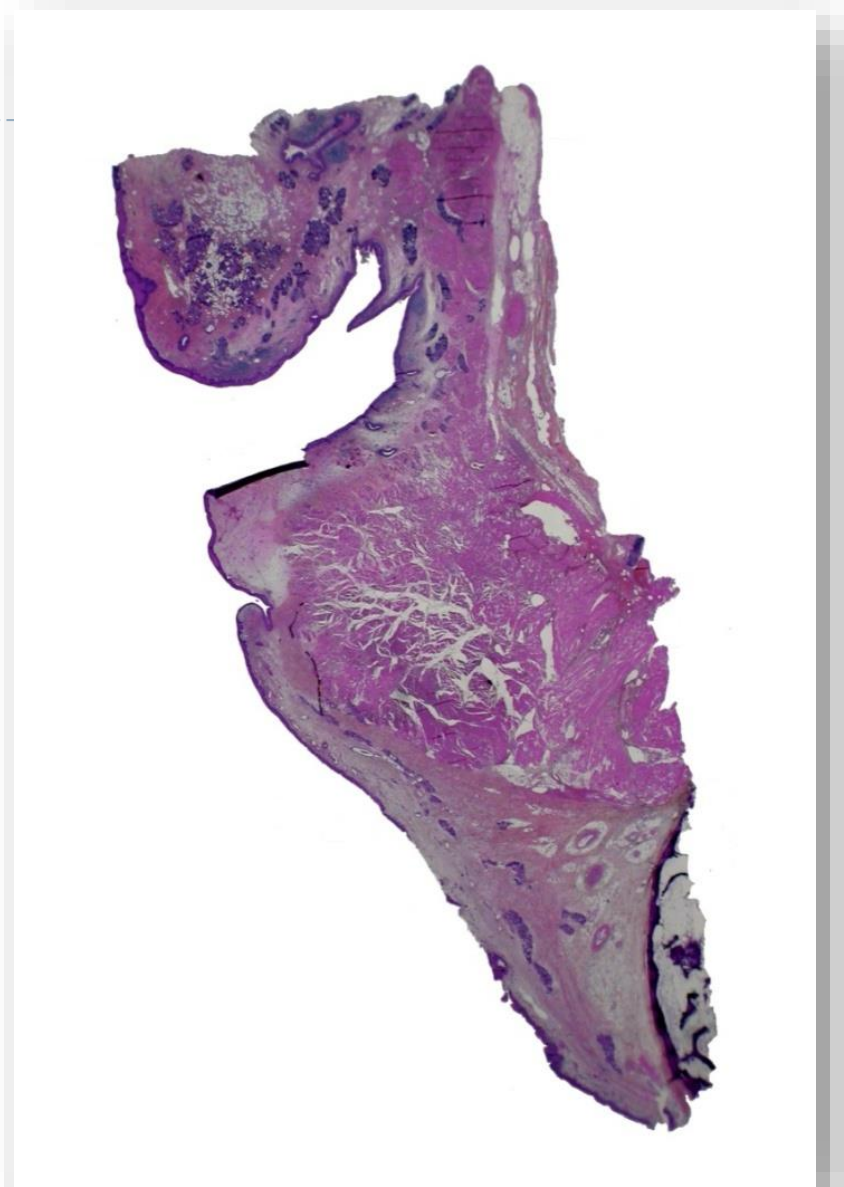
- ▶ **Muscles infra-hyoïdiens**
  - ▶ Sterno-cléido-hyoïdien & omo-hyoïdien
  - ▶ Sterno-thyroïdien & thyro-hyoïdien





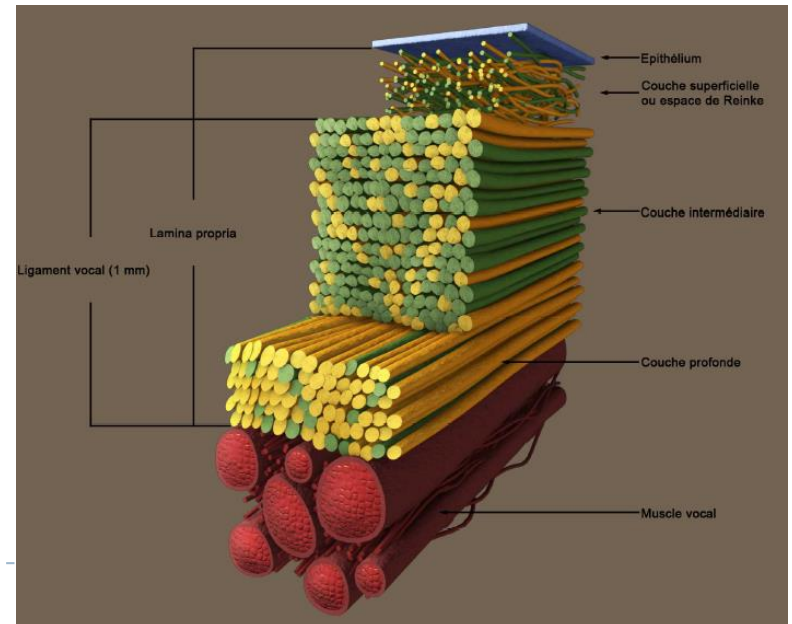
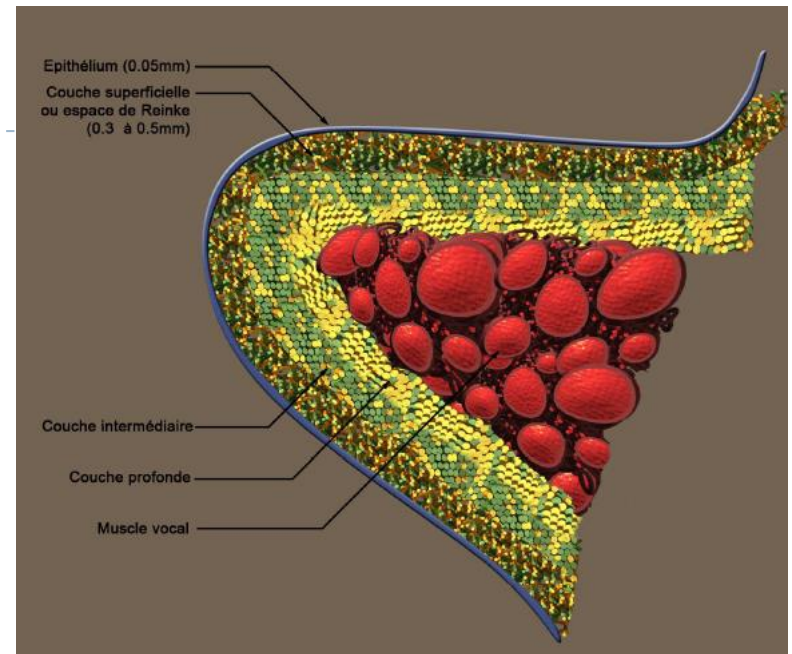
# Micro-anatomie des plis vocaux

- ▶ **Epithélium squameux non kératinisé**
  - ▶ 50-100  $\mu\text{m}$  d'épaisseur
  - ▶ Absence de glandes sur le bord libre, mais présence sur face inférieure



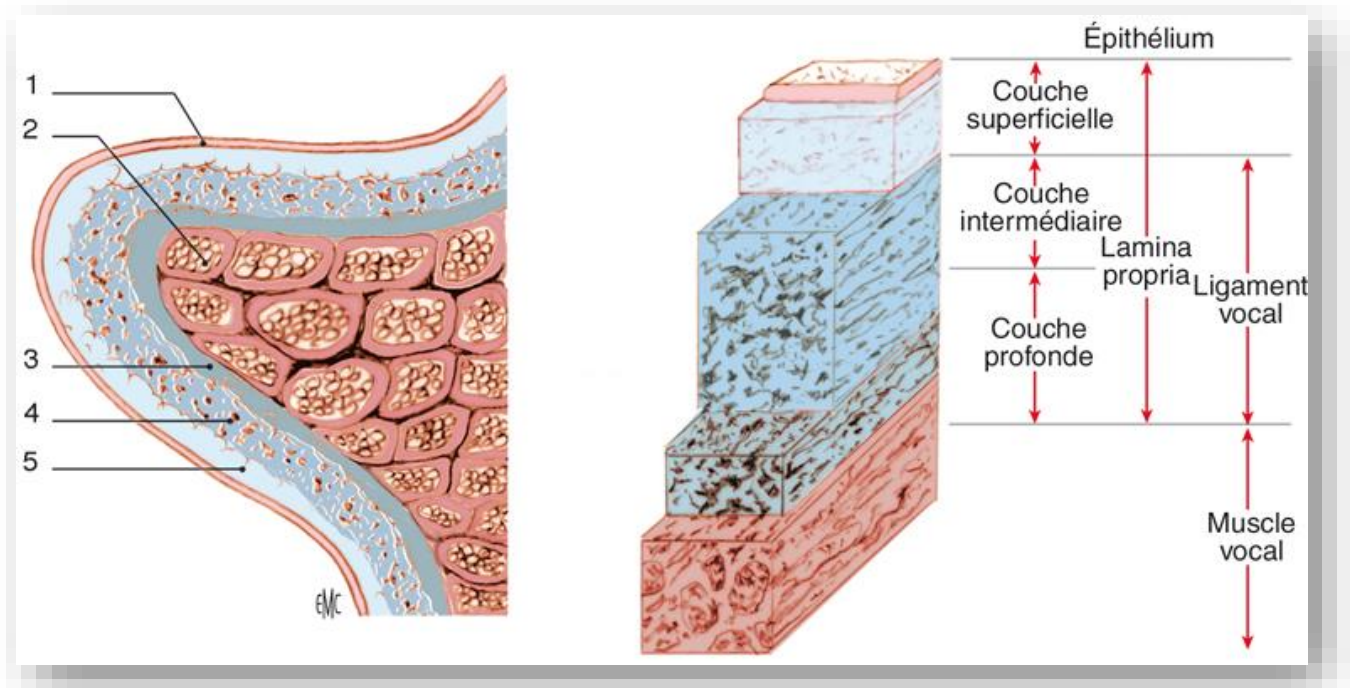
## ▶ Tissu conjonctif: lamina propria

- ▶ 1-2,5mm d'épaisseur
- ▶ Cellules conjonctives et matrice extracellulaire
- ▶ 3 sous-couches:
  - ▶ Superficielle, espace de Reinke: composants fibreux lâches
  - ▶ Intermédiaire: fibres élastiques prédominantes
  - ▶ Profonde: collagène prédominant
- ▶ Donne les propriétés mécaniques passives du pli



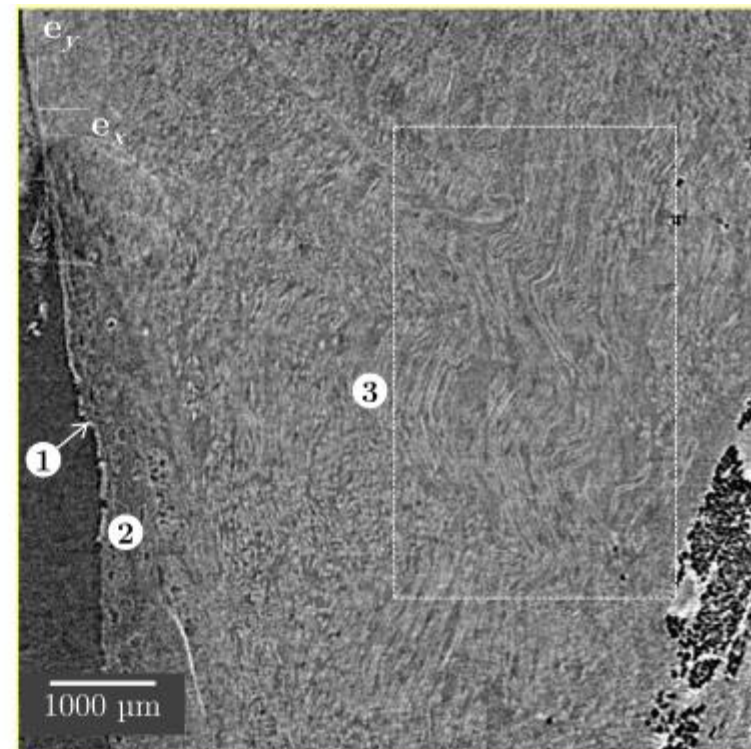
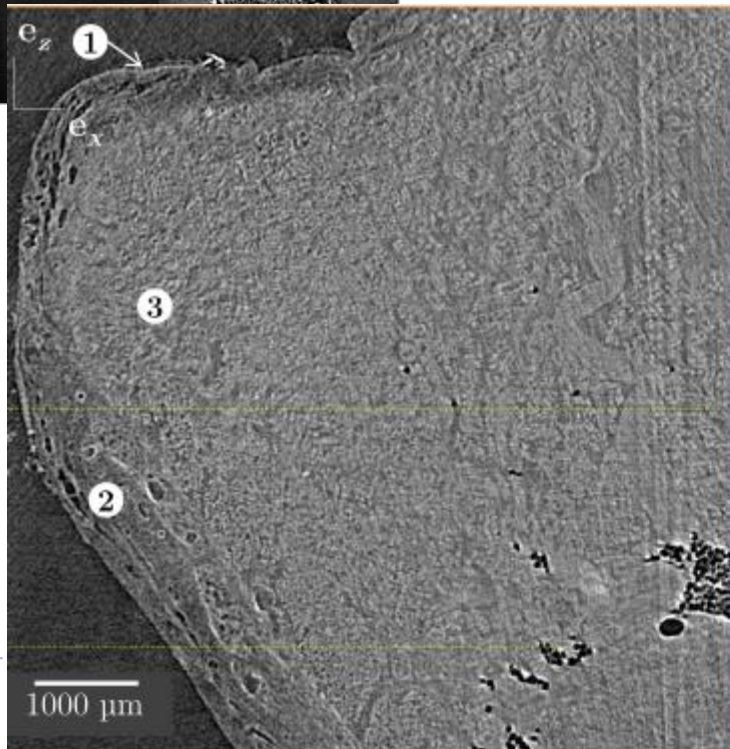
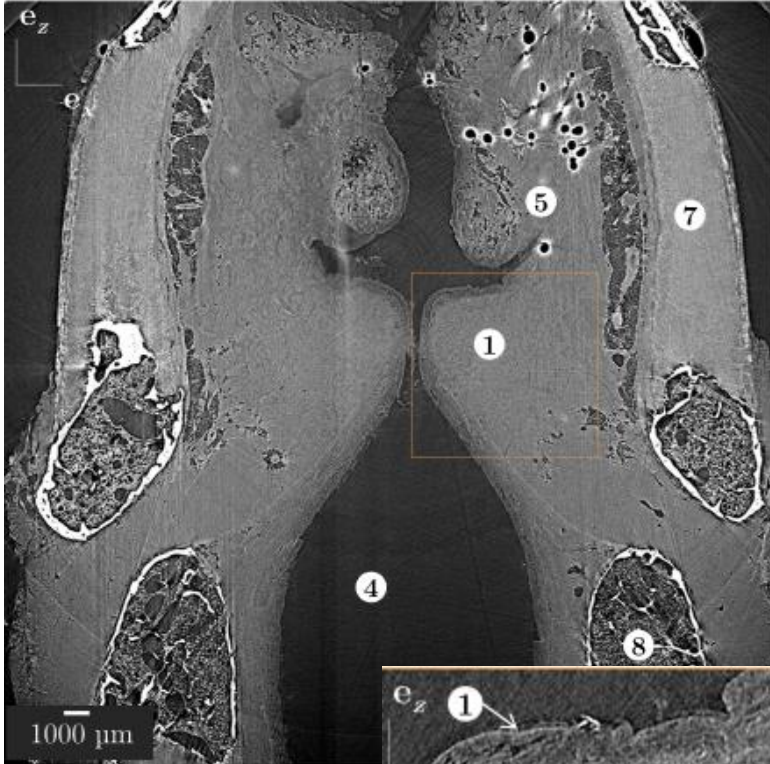
## ▶ Muscle vocal

- ▶ Chef inférieur du muscle thyro-aryténoïdien
- ▶ Epaisseur: 7-8 mm
- ▶ Donne les propriétés de contraction active du pli



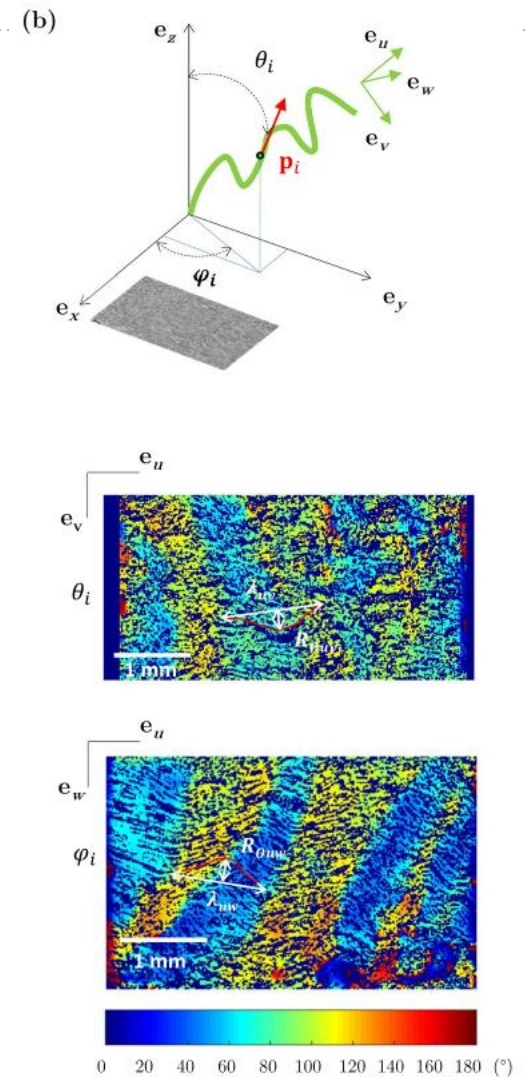
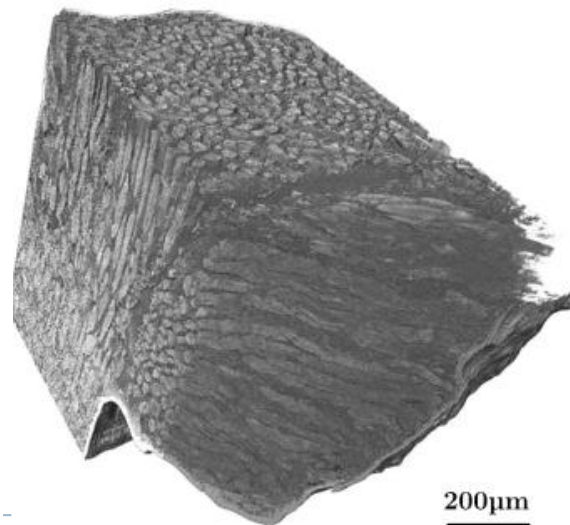
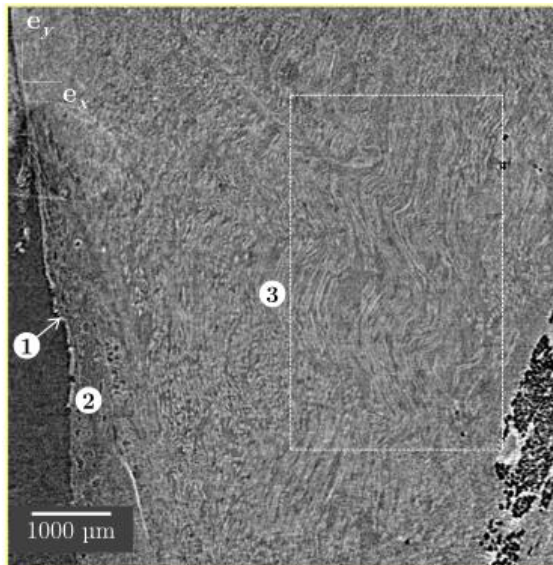
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## ▶ Muscle vocal:

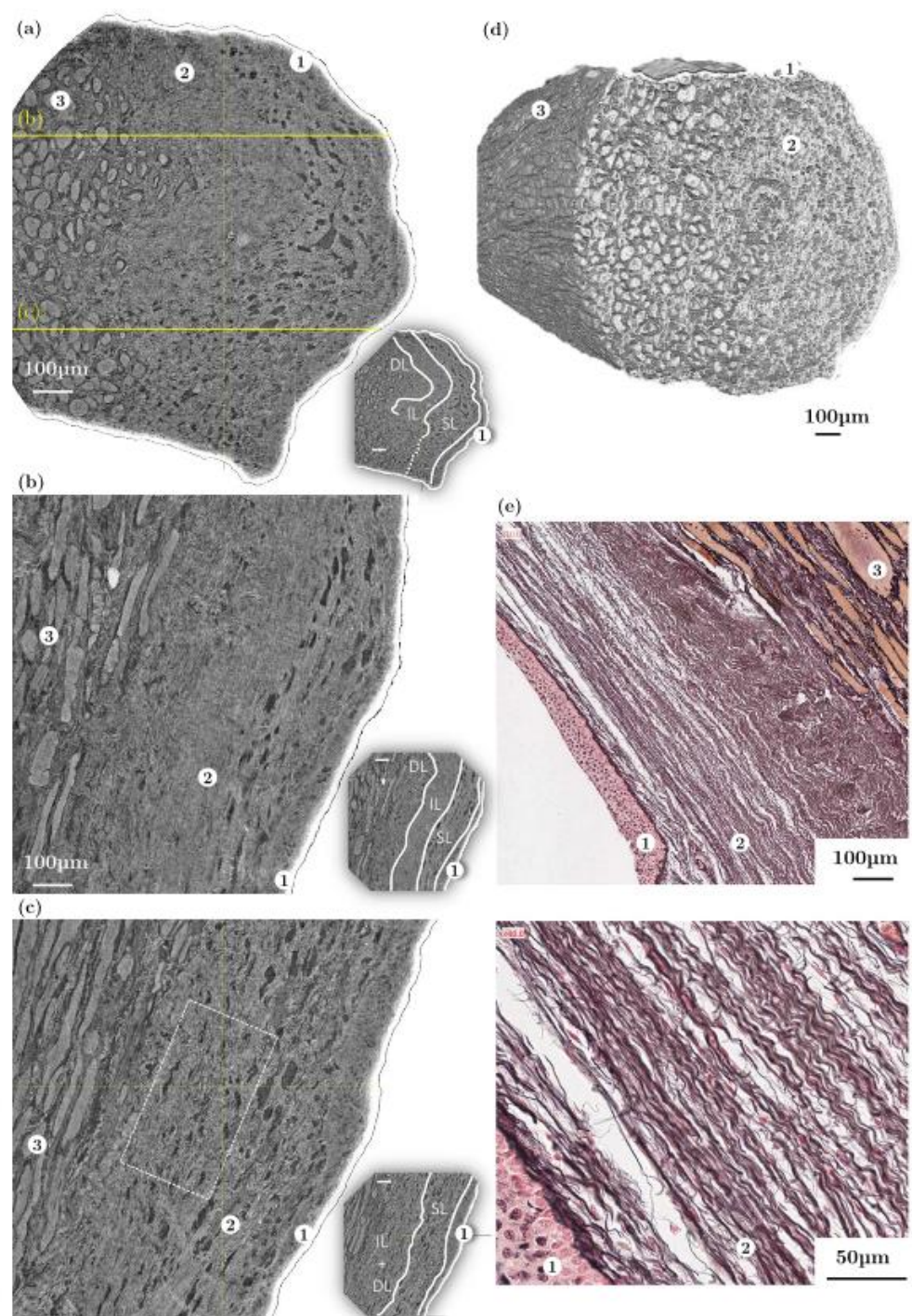
- ▶ À proximité de la lamina propria,
  - ▶ Fibres orientées longitudinalement
- ▶ Au-delà de 1 mm de la lamina propria,
  - ▶ Fibres parfois orientées perpendiculairement
  - ▶ Transition entre muscle vocal muscle crico-aryténoïdien latéral



# ▶ Epithélium

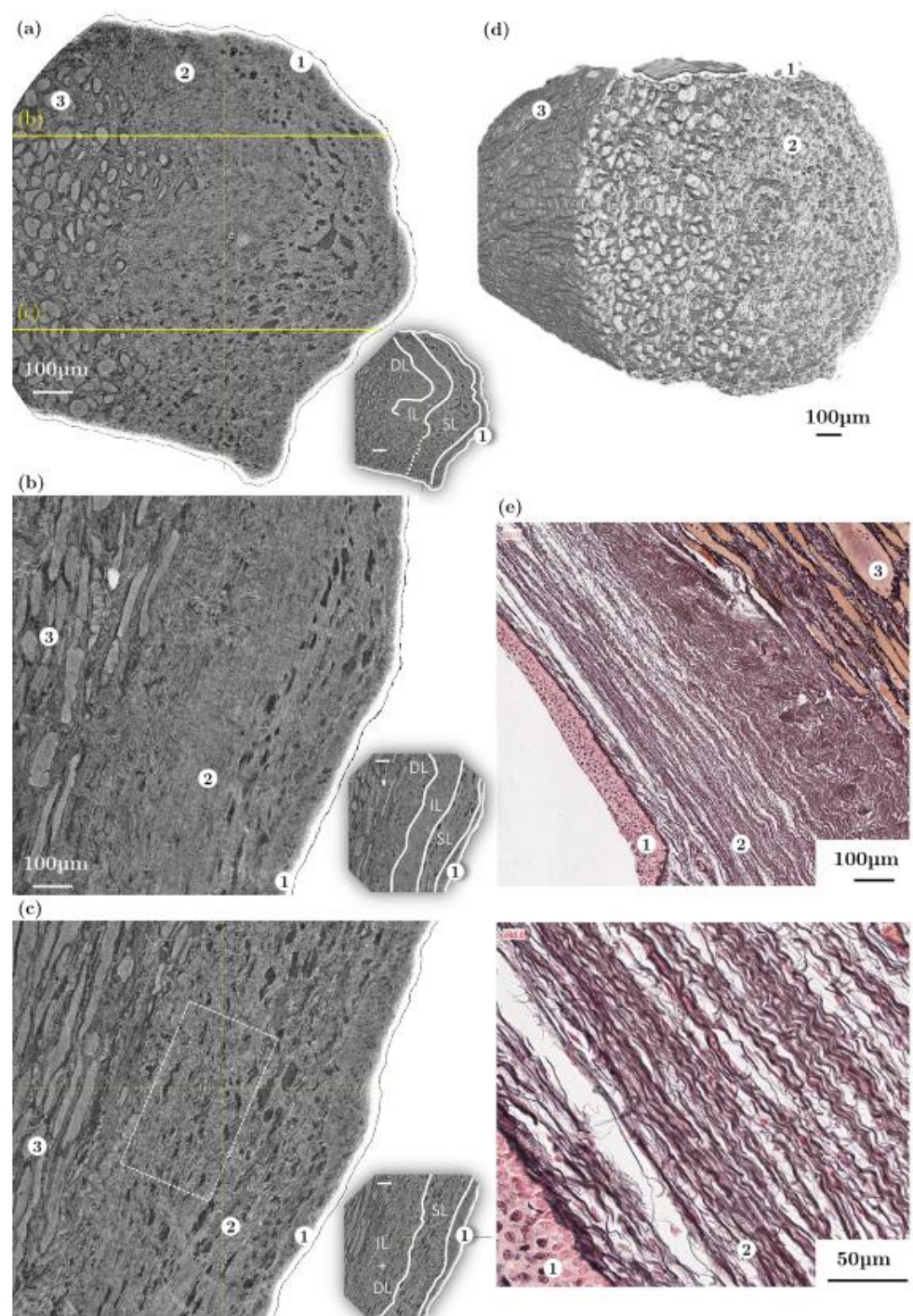
▶ Plus épais au 1/3 moyen du bord libre

▶ 30 -> 80µm



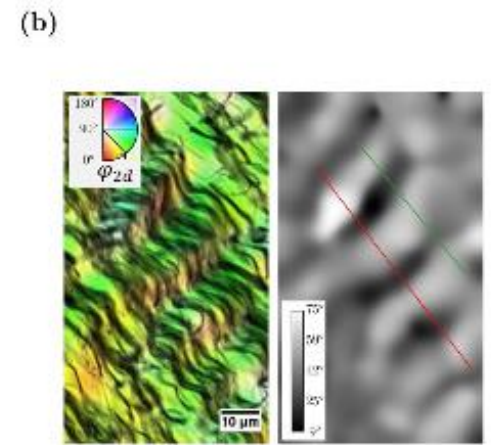
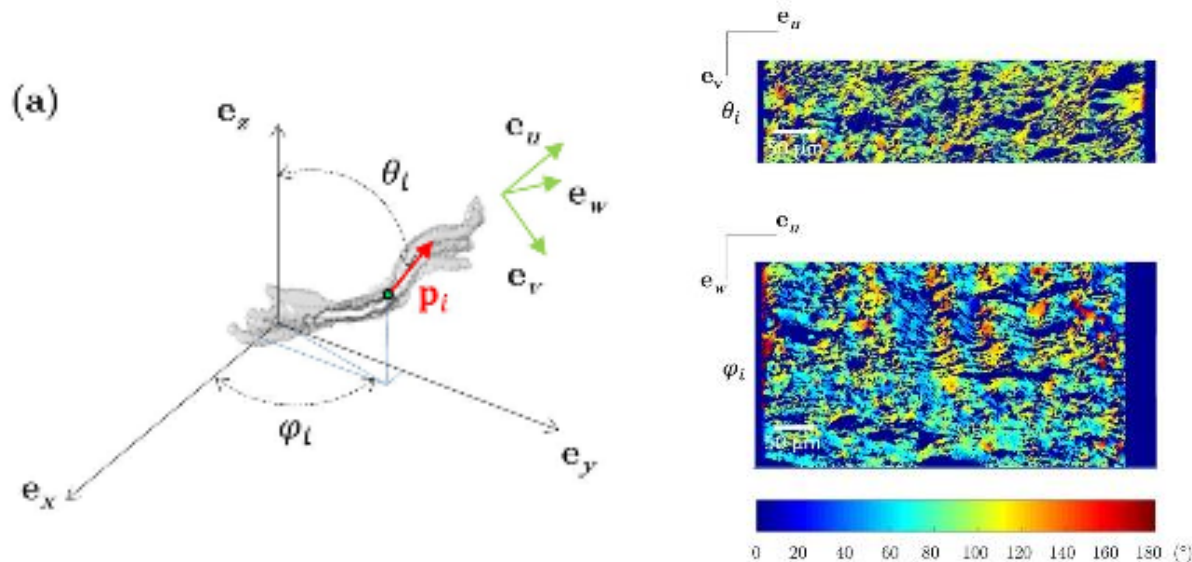
## ▶ Lamina propria

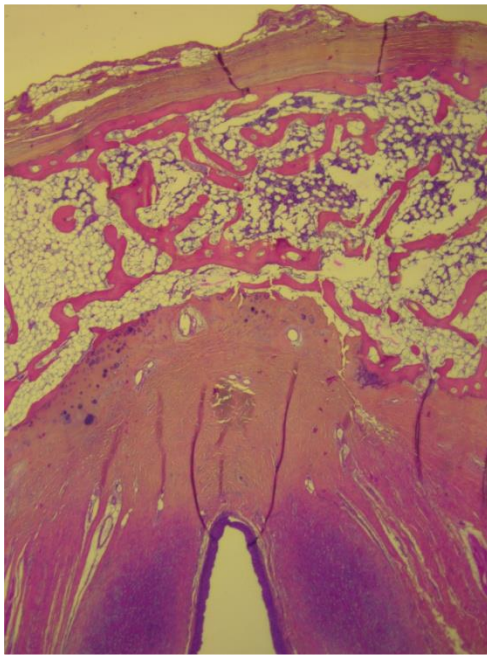
- ▶ Plus épaisse au 1/3 moyen
- ▶ Asymétrie d'épaisseur entre les plis (780-2054  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- ▶ Partie superficielle:
  - ▶ densité de fibre moins importante dans la matrice extra-cellulaire
  - ▶ Epaisseur variable: 100-200  $\mu\text{m}$
- ▶ Partie intermédiaire:
  - ▶ plus grande densité de fibres,
  - ▶ Elastine
  - ▶ Pas toujours identifiable, plutôt présente au 1/3 moyen
- ▶ Partie profonde:
  - ▶ fibres plus denses et plus épaisses,
  - ▶ collagène





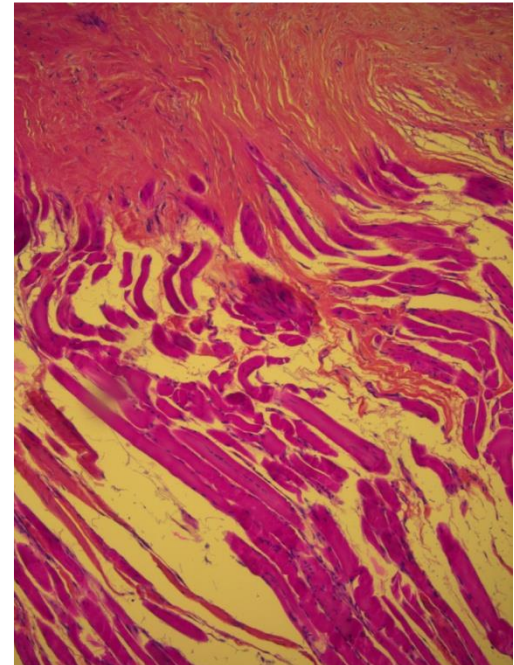
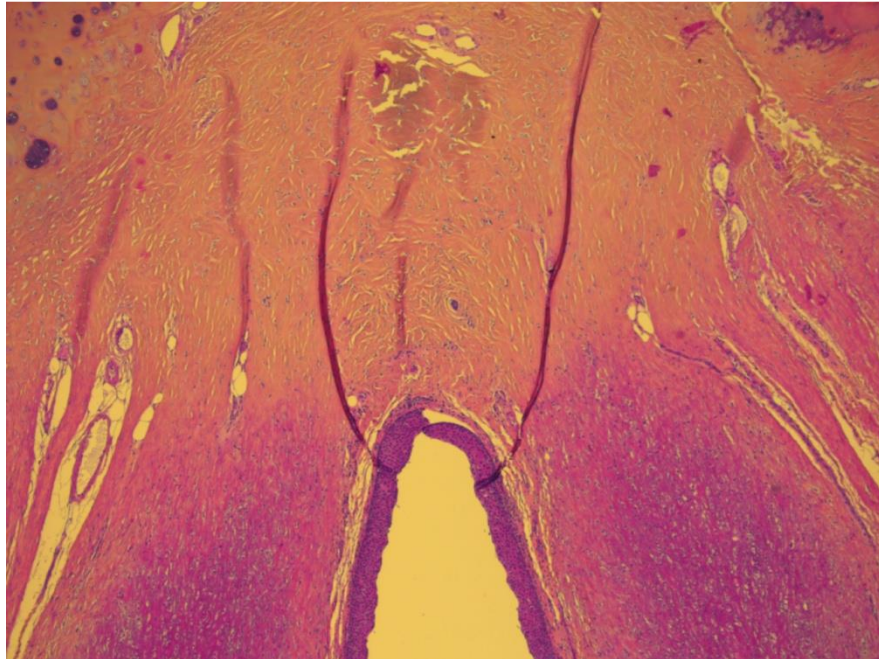
- ▶ Orientation des fibres (collagène) dans la lamina propria
  - ▶ Longitudinale, légère obliquité en antéro-postérieur et médio-latéral
  - ▶ Ondulée
  - ▶ Diamètre  $50\mu\text{m}$ , longueur:  $400\mu\text{m}$





# Commissure antérieure

- ▶ Maculae flavae
- ▶ Absence de périchondre



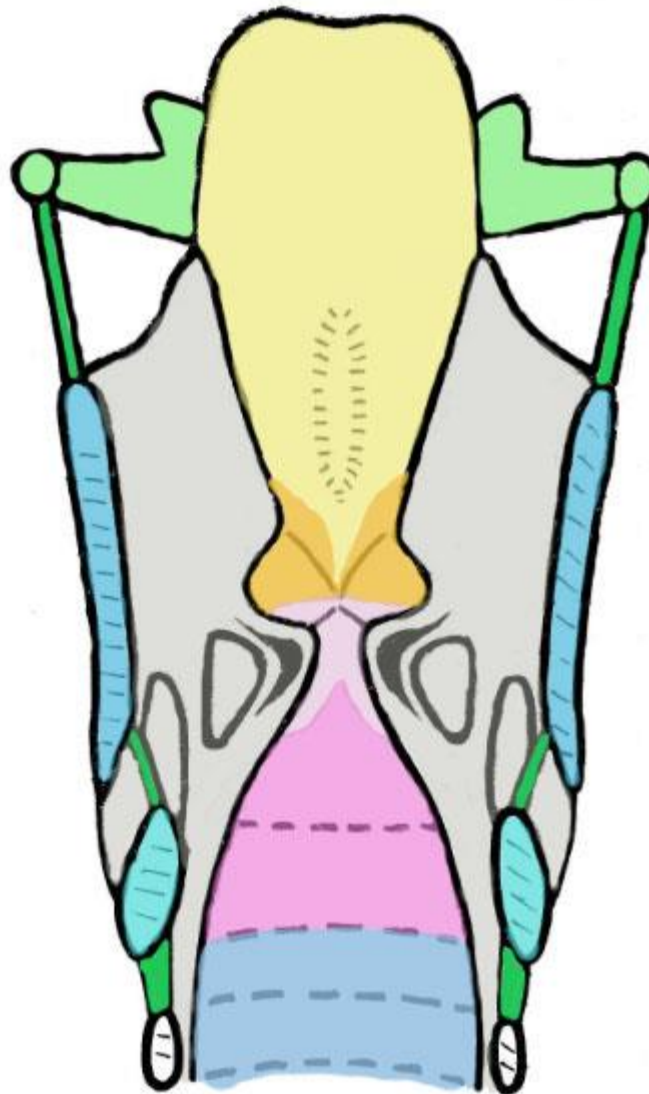
# Reliefs internes du larynx

# Le larynx

## Reliefs internes

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Haut  
↑  
Gauche →



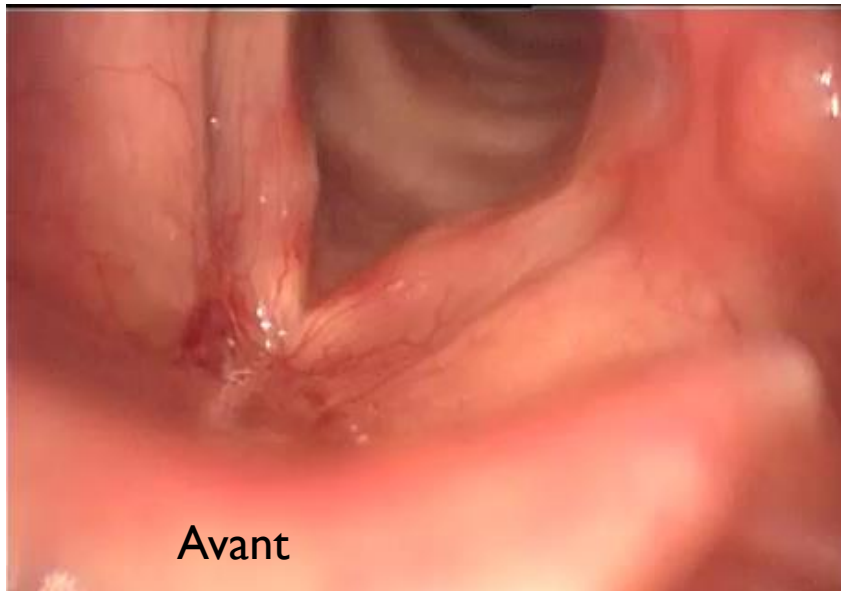
# Vues endoscopiques du larynx

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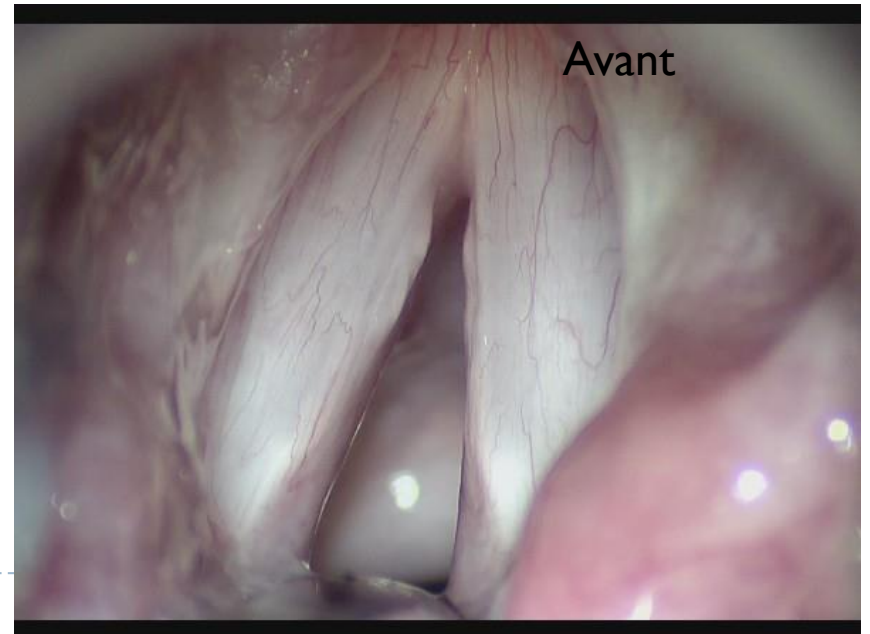
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- ▶ Attention au sens!

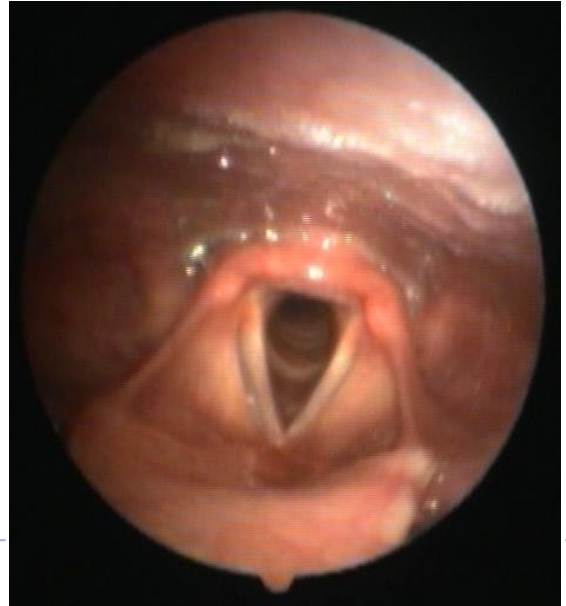
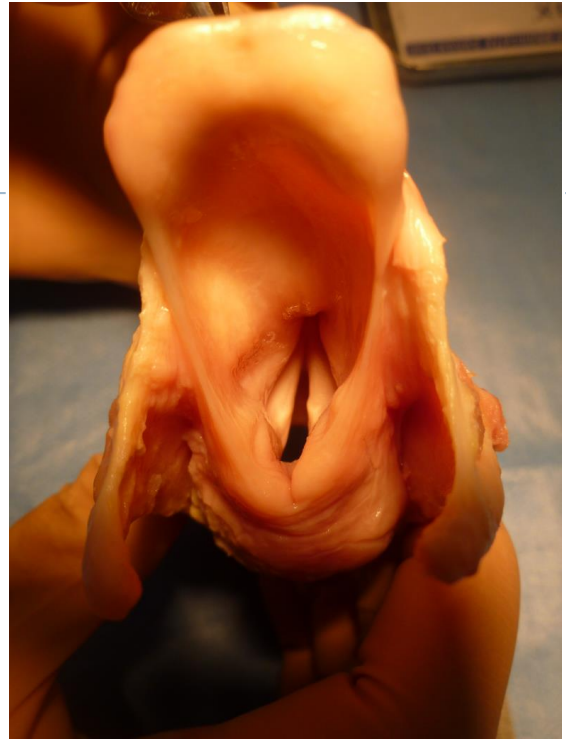
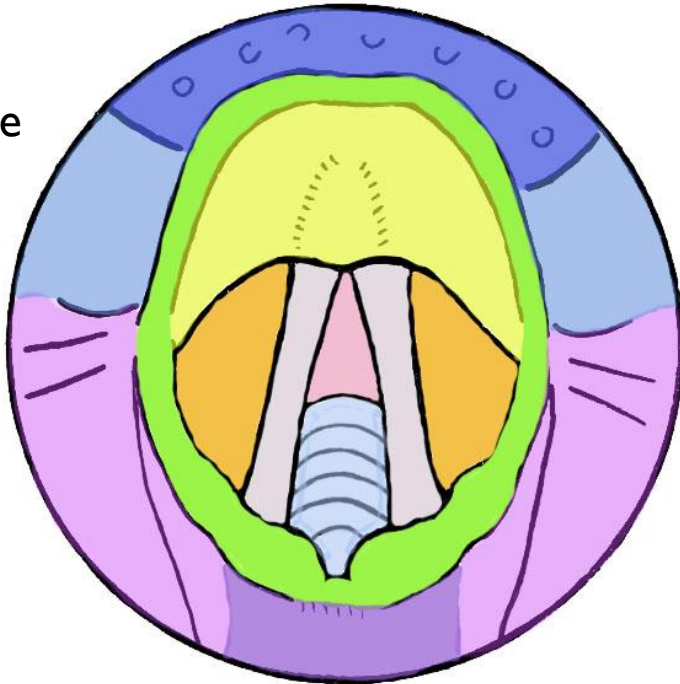
Laryngoscopie indirecte



Laryngoscopie directe en suspension



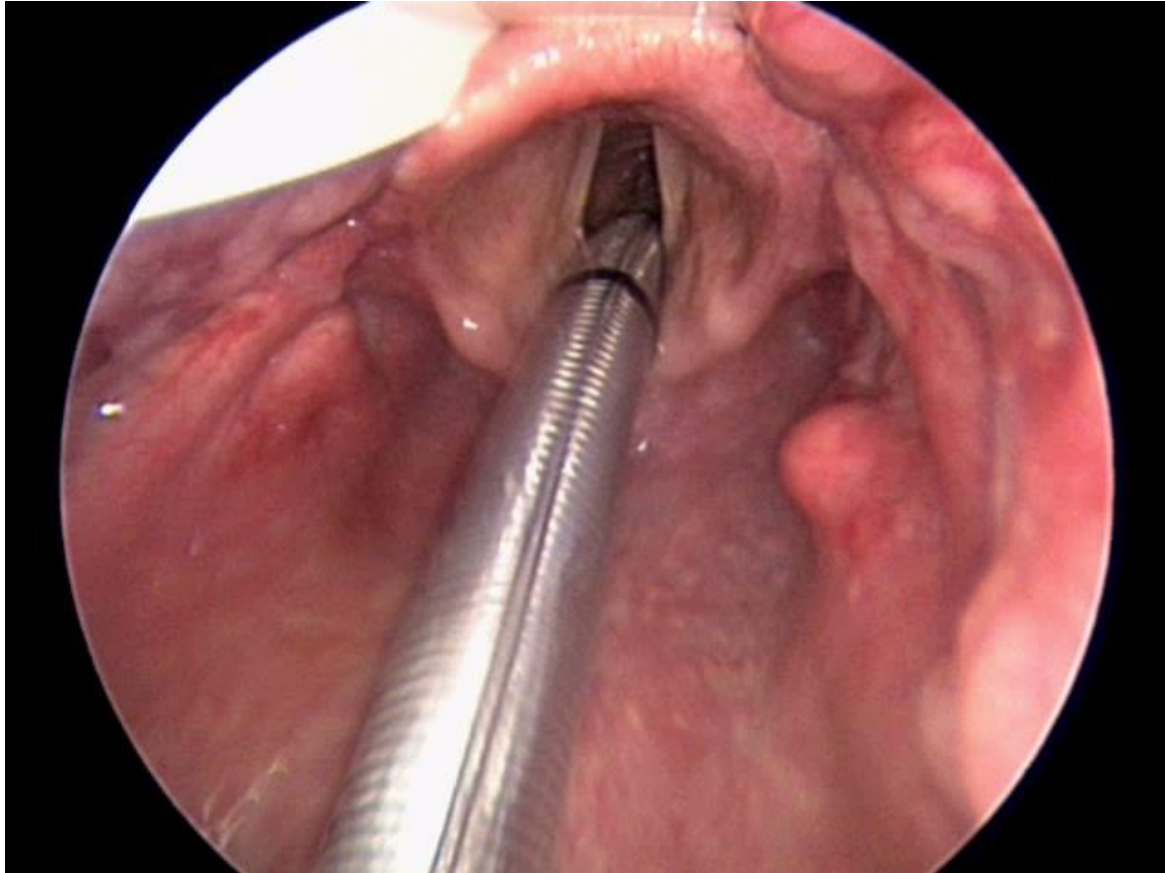
Avant  
Droite





# Vue endoscopique du larynx

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# Anatomie fonctionnelle

# Les caractéristiques de la voix dépendent:

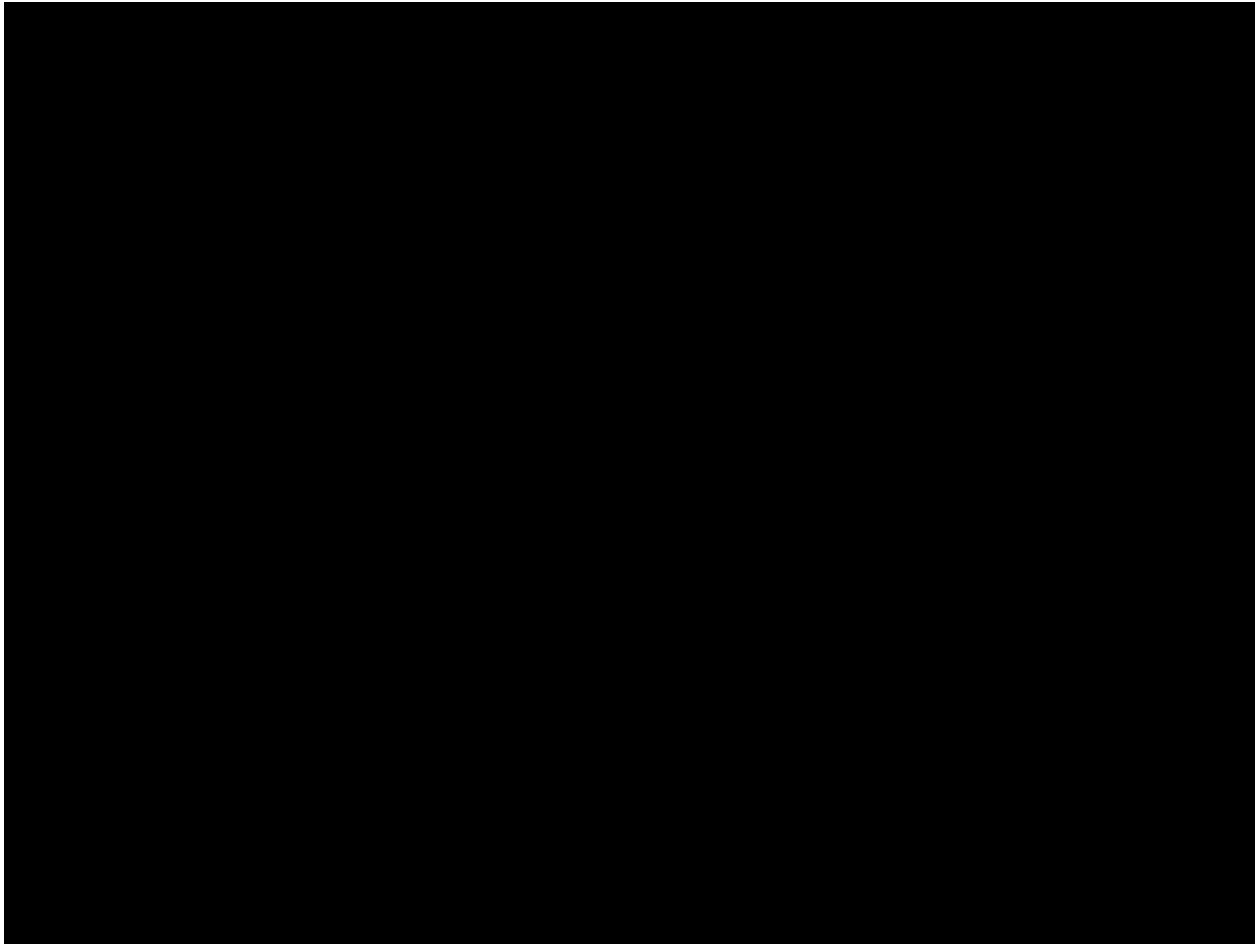
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- ▶ Des paramètres aérodynamiques/contrôle respiratoire
  - ▶ Pression sous-glottique et trans-glottique
  - ▶ Débit d'air
- ▶ **Des propriétés physiques des plis vocaux**
  - ▶ **Longueur, tension, masse vibrante, raideur**
- ▶ Des résonateurs/tractus vocal

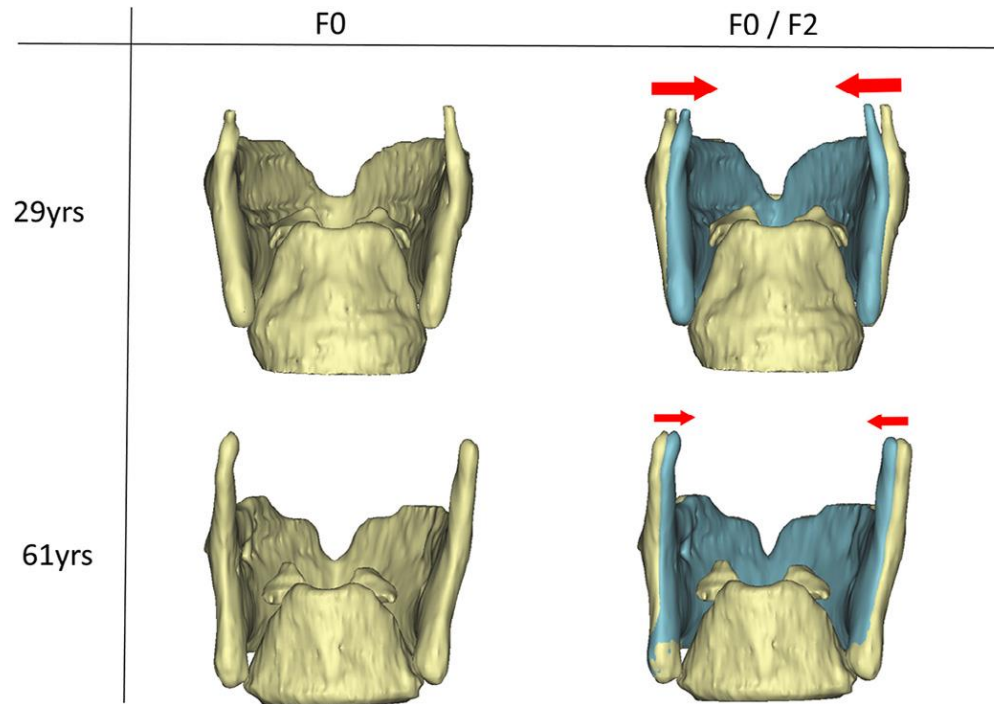


# Le vibreur et ses modifications

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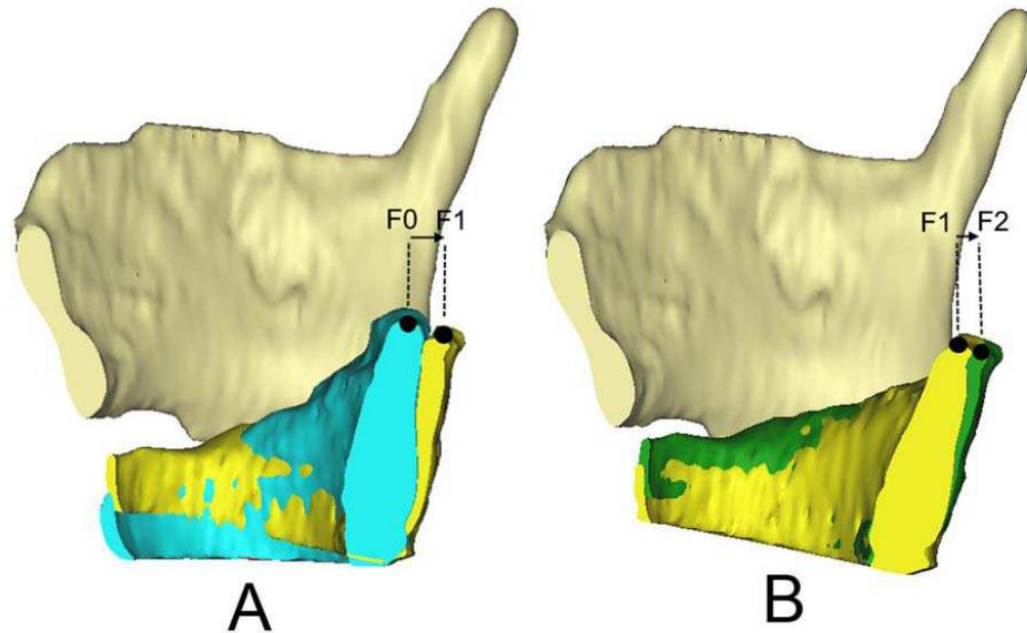
# Modifications cartilagineuses



- ▶ 44 chanteuses professionnelles
- ▶ Hauteur parlée puis 1 et 2 octaves au-dessus

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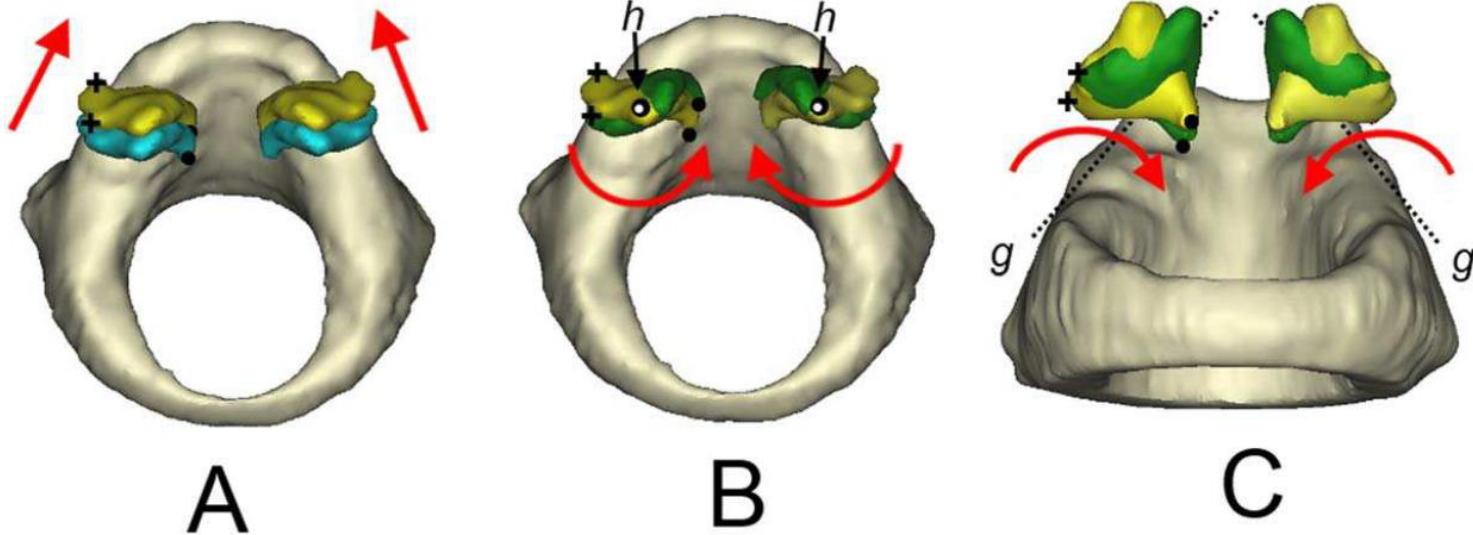
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- ▶ Même cohorte, même tâche
- ▶ Rotation postérieure du cartilage cricoïde

# Modifications cartilagineuses

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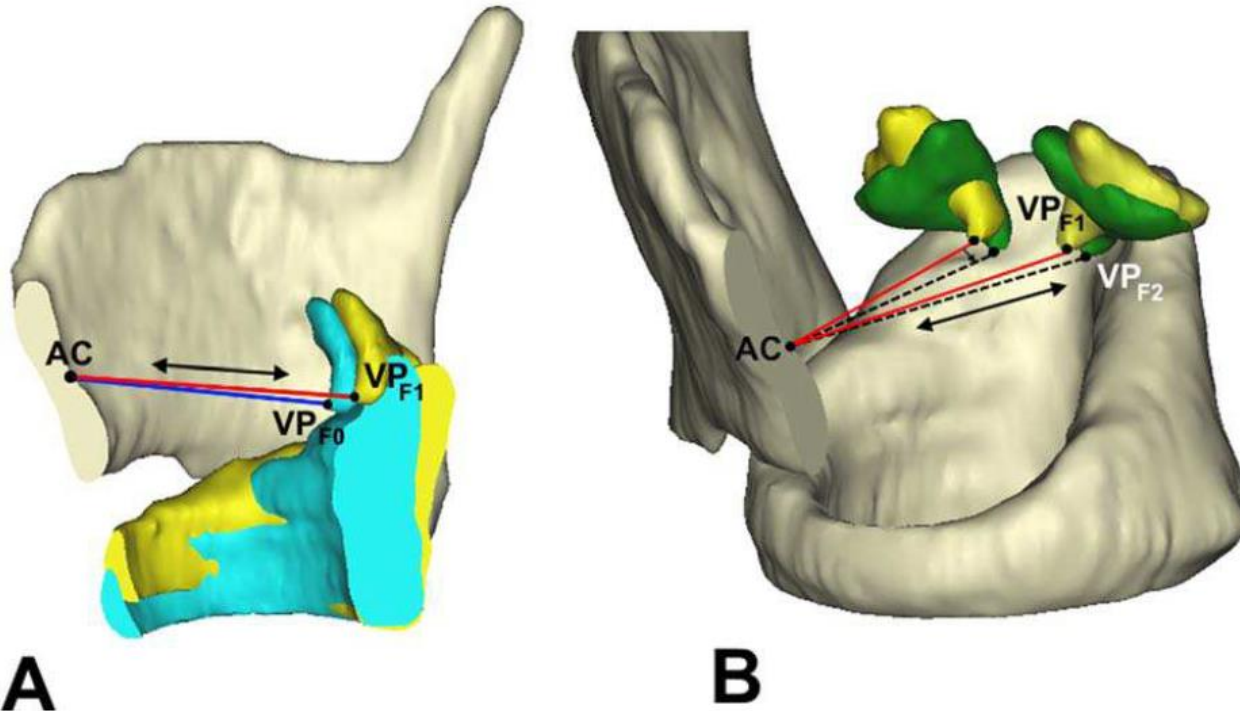


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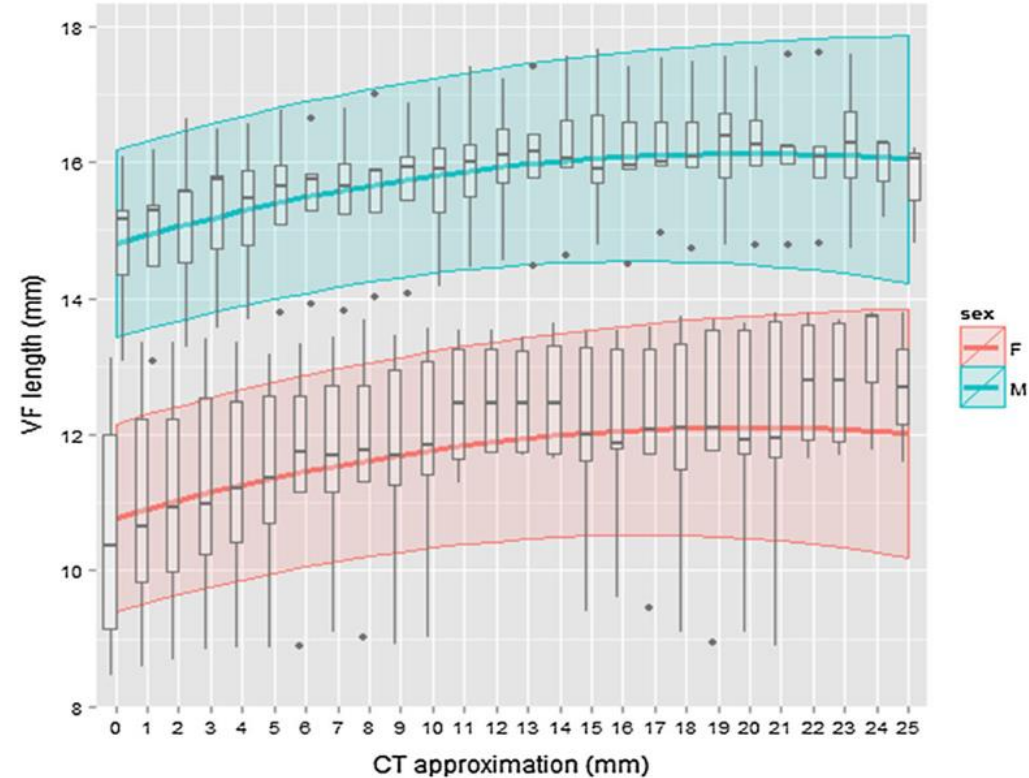
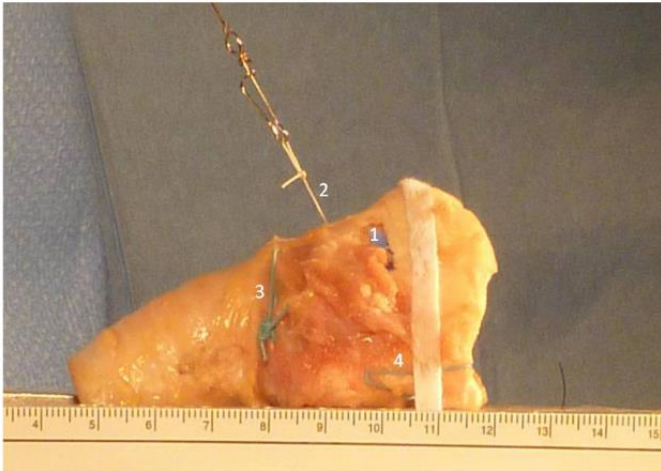
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# Elongation des plis vocaux<sup>3</sup>



- ▶ Elongation maximale de 10 à 15%
- ▶ Soit de 1 à 2 mm de plus en moyenne
- ▶ Approximation CT maximale: 22 mm

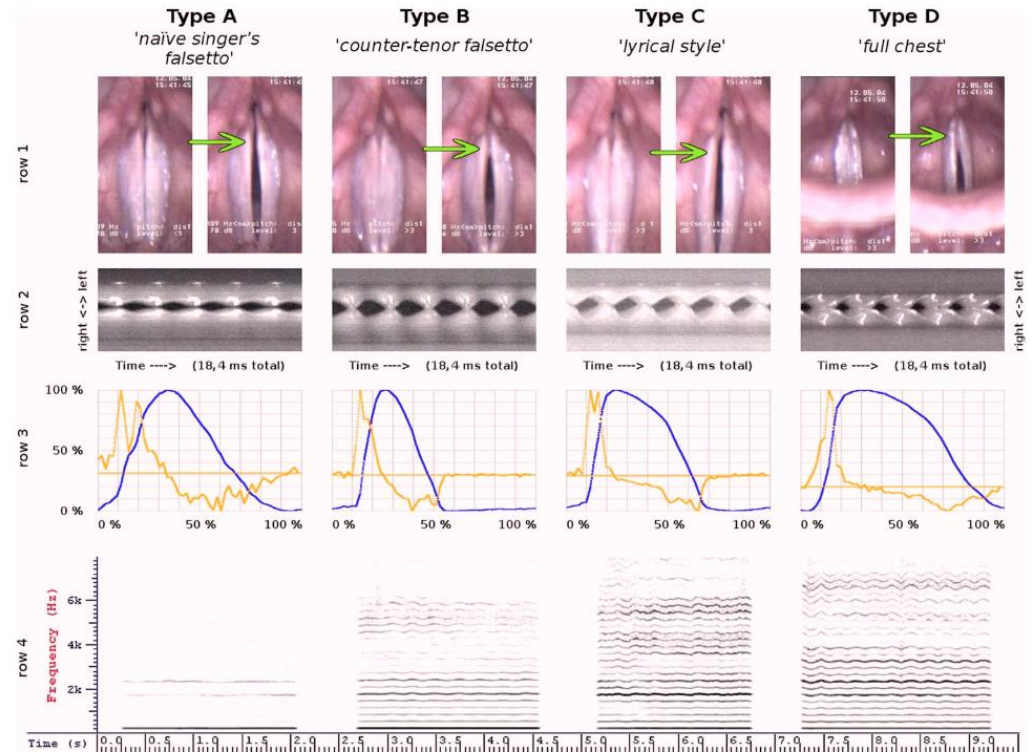
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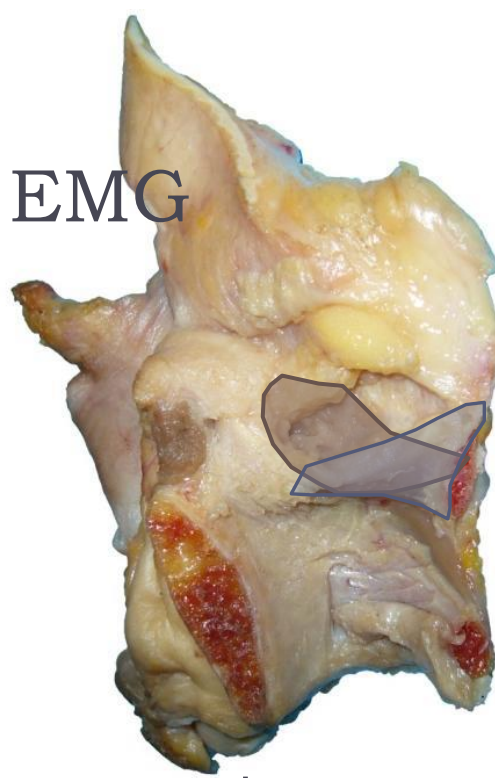
Investigation of four distinct  
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in classical singing

www.christian-herbst.org

# Configurations glottiques et style<sup>4</sup>



# Activité des muscles intrinsèques: Etudes EMG



- ▶ En voix parlée:
  - ▶ Activation du CAL lors de la mise en phonation, puis seulement activité du TA
- ▶ En voix chantée:
  - ▶ EMG du muscle thyro-aryténoïdien et du crico-thyroïdien en registre de poitrine, mixte de poitrine, mixte de tête, de tête
    - ▶ Activité du CT liée à la fréquence principalement (>registre)
    - ▶ Activité du TA et adduction cordale augmentent du registre de tête au registre de poitrine

-----Poletto CJ, Verdun LP, Strominger R, Ludlow CL (2004) Correspondence between laryngeal vocal fold movement and muscle activity during speech and nonspeech gestures. J Appl Physiol (1985) 97:858-866

▶ -Kochis-Jennings KA, Finnegan EM, Hoffman HT, Jaiswal S. Laryngeal muscle activity and vocal fold adduction during chest, chestmix, headmix, and head registers in females. J Voice. 2012 Mar;26(2):182-93. doi: 10.1016/j.jvoice.2010.11.002



# Les résonateurs

# Les caractéristiques de la voix dépendent:

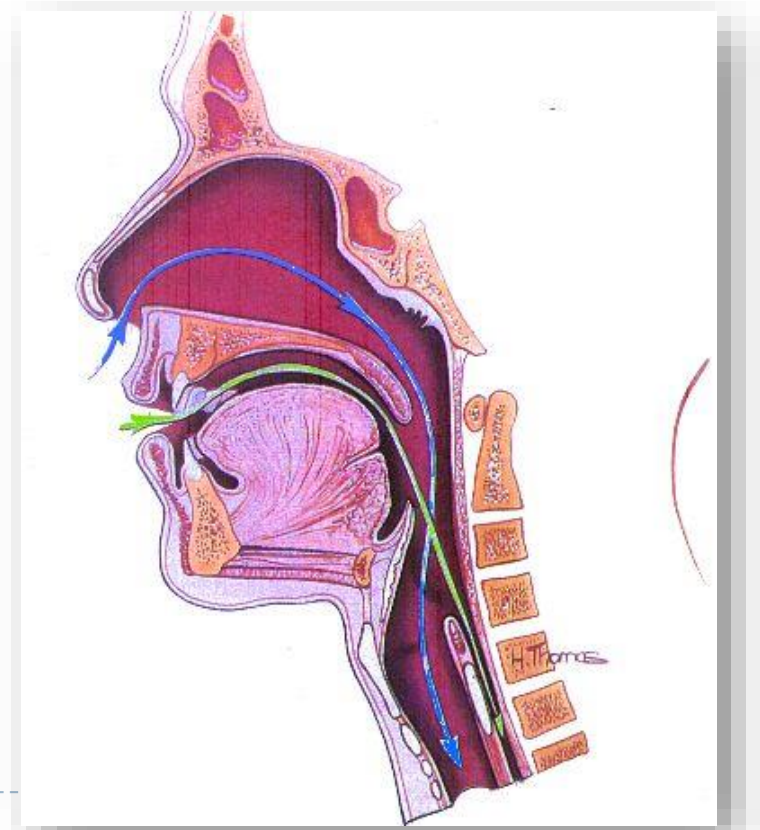
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- ▶ Des paramètres aérodynamiques/contrôle respiratoire
  - ▶ Pression sous-glottique et trans-glottique
  - ▶ Débit d'air
- ▶ Des propriétés physiques des plis vocaux
  - ▶ Longueur, tension, masse vibrante, raideur
- ▶ **Des résonateurs/tractus vocal**



# Les résonateurs

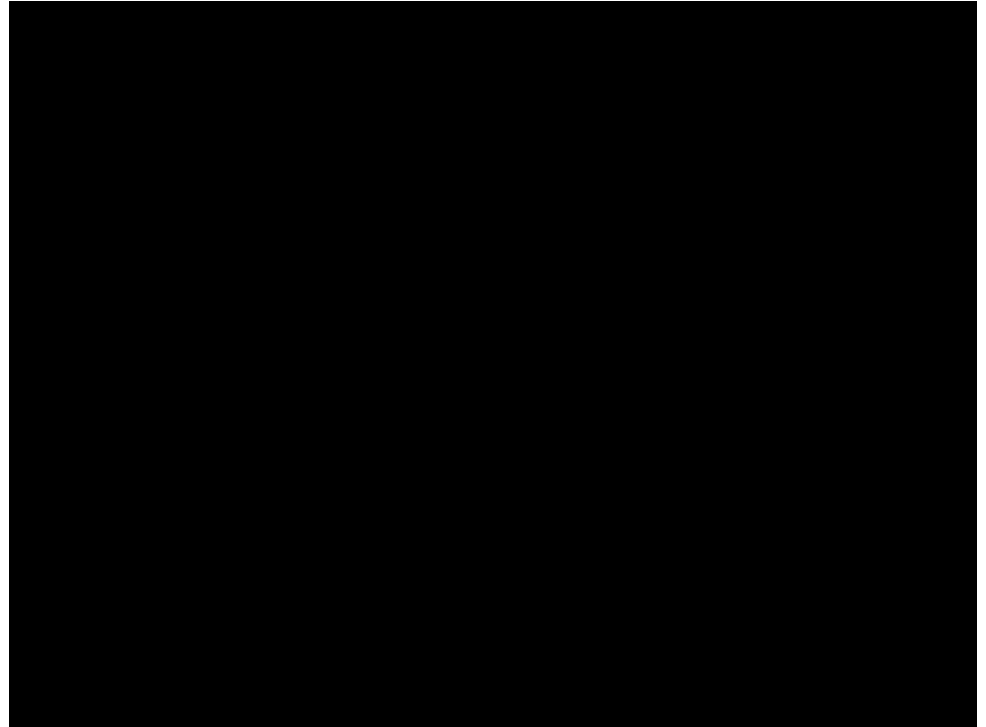
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# Les résonateurs

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<https://youtu.be/QAWtleIq9QU>



- ▶ **Baryton:**
  - ▶ Pour éviter un changement de registre
    - ▶ élévation du dorsum lingual
    - ▶ Ouverture de la mâchoire
    - ▶ Rétraction de la mandibule

# Les résonateurs

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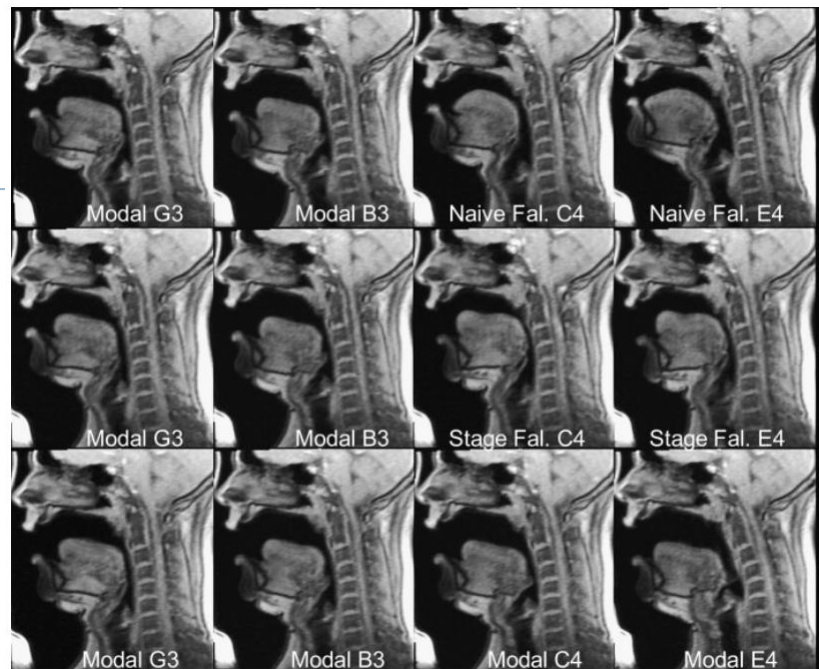
## ▶ Ténors:

- ▶ Constriction de l'épilarynx dans la partie haute de la tessiture (passage en falsetto ET passage en voix de scène)
- ▶ Passage du registre modal au falsetto « novice »
  - ▶ Peu de modifications du tractus vocal
- ▶ Passage du registre modal au falsetto « de scène »
  - ▶ Modifications importantes
  - ▶ Élargissement du pharynx
  - ▶ Ouverture des lèvres et mâchoires
  - ▶ Protrusion de la mandibule



# Les résonateurs

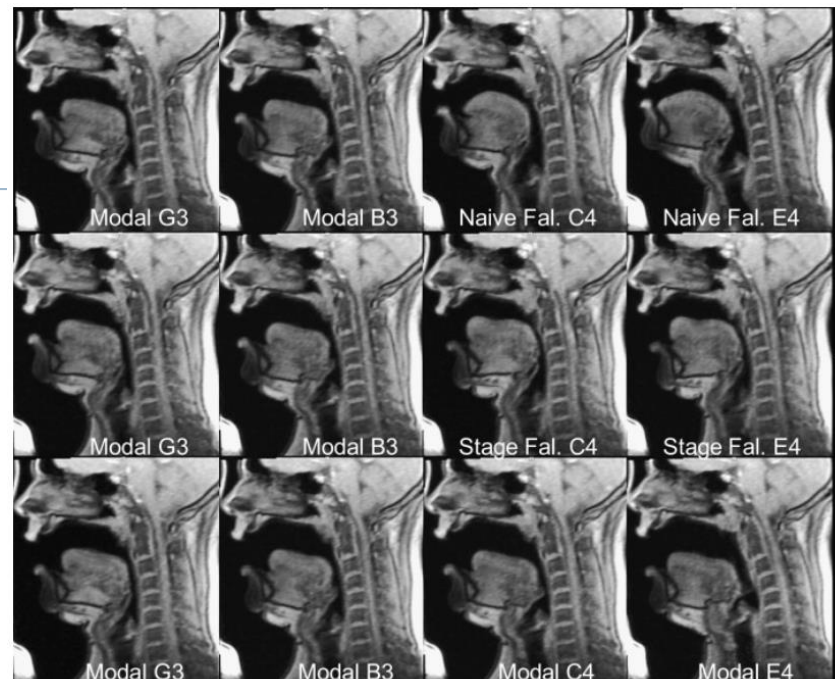
## ▶ Contre-ténors



- ▶ Registre modal à falsetto de scène:
  - ▶ Ouverture soudaine des lèvres alors que dans la montée en registre modal les lèvres s'ouvrent progressivement
  - ▶ Ouverture des mâchoires
- ▶ En falsetto de scène, la mâchoire est rétractée, et le dorsum de la langue est élevé et en arrière, le pharynx est rétréci
- ▶ Au contraire en registre modal dans les aigus, la mandibule est avancée et le pharynx élargi

# Les résonateurs

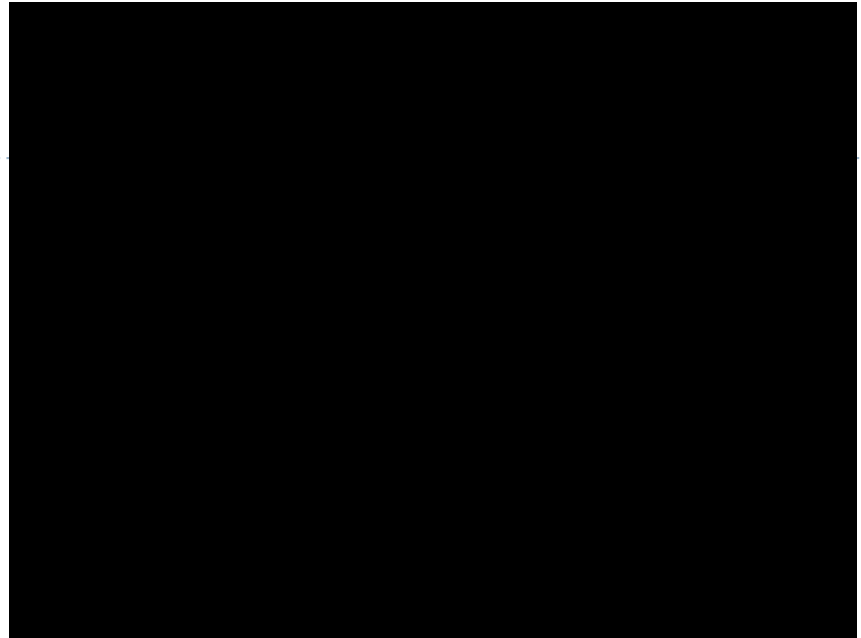
## ▶ Contre-ténors



- ▶ Le voile du palais est élevé dans les aigus quel que soit le registre, mais élévation plus soudaine lors du changement de registre
- ▶ Les aigus en registre modal s'accompagnent d'une élévation progressive du larynx alors que le passage en falsetto s'accompagne d'une descente du larynx
- ▶ Le plan glottique est plus oblique dans les falsetto

# Les résonateurs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIUvX7hebBA&feature=youtu.be&app=desktop>



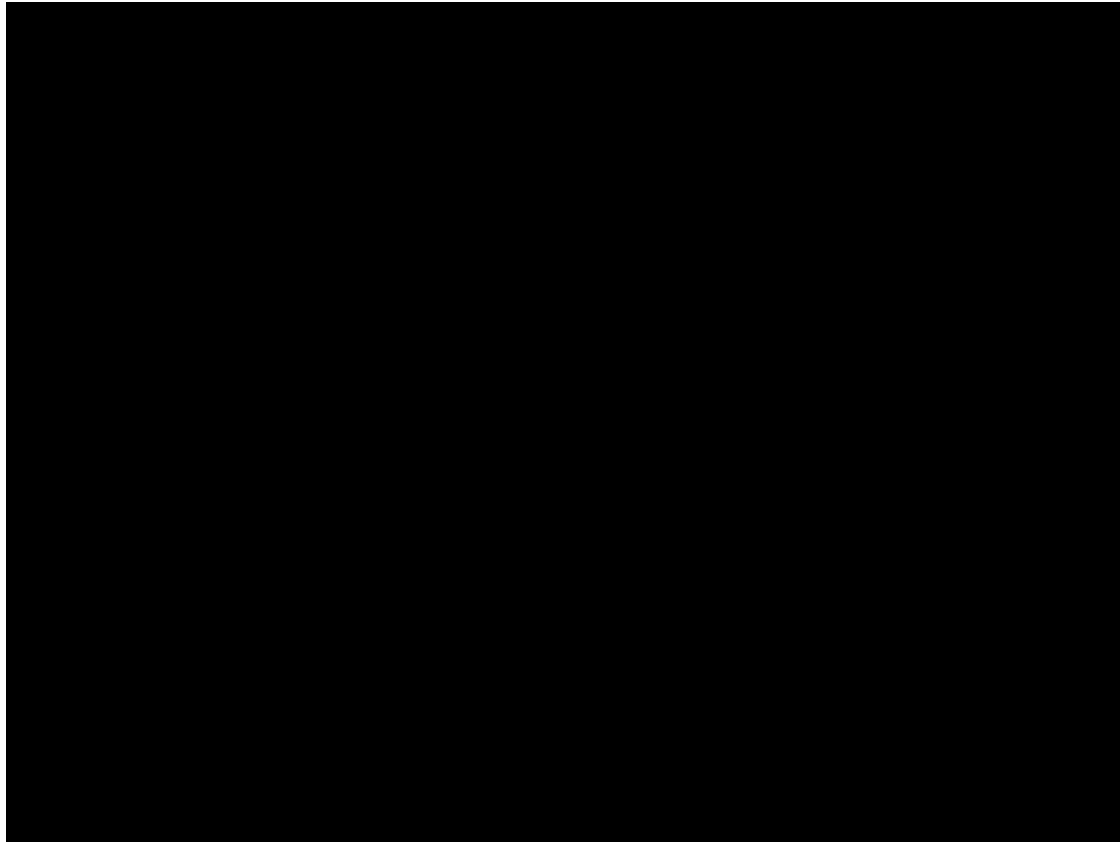
## ▶ Soprani

- ▶ Transition entre les mécanismes laryngés et entre registres plus difficile à montrer chez les femmes
- ▶ Peu de modification du tractus vocal lors des changements de registre (modal -> moyen-> haut)
- ▶ Modifications du tractus importantes pour éviter que  $F_0 > F_1$  (750 Hz): ouverture des lèvres et mâchoires pour élever  $F_1$ , élargissement du pharynx pour élever  $F_2$

# Les résonateurs

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- ▶ Juste pour le plaisir....



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Merci pour votre attention,  
Si vous avez des questions:

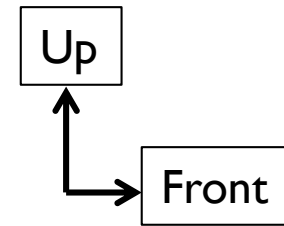
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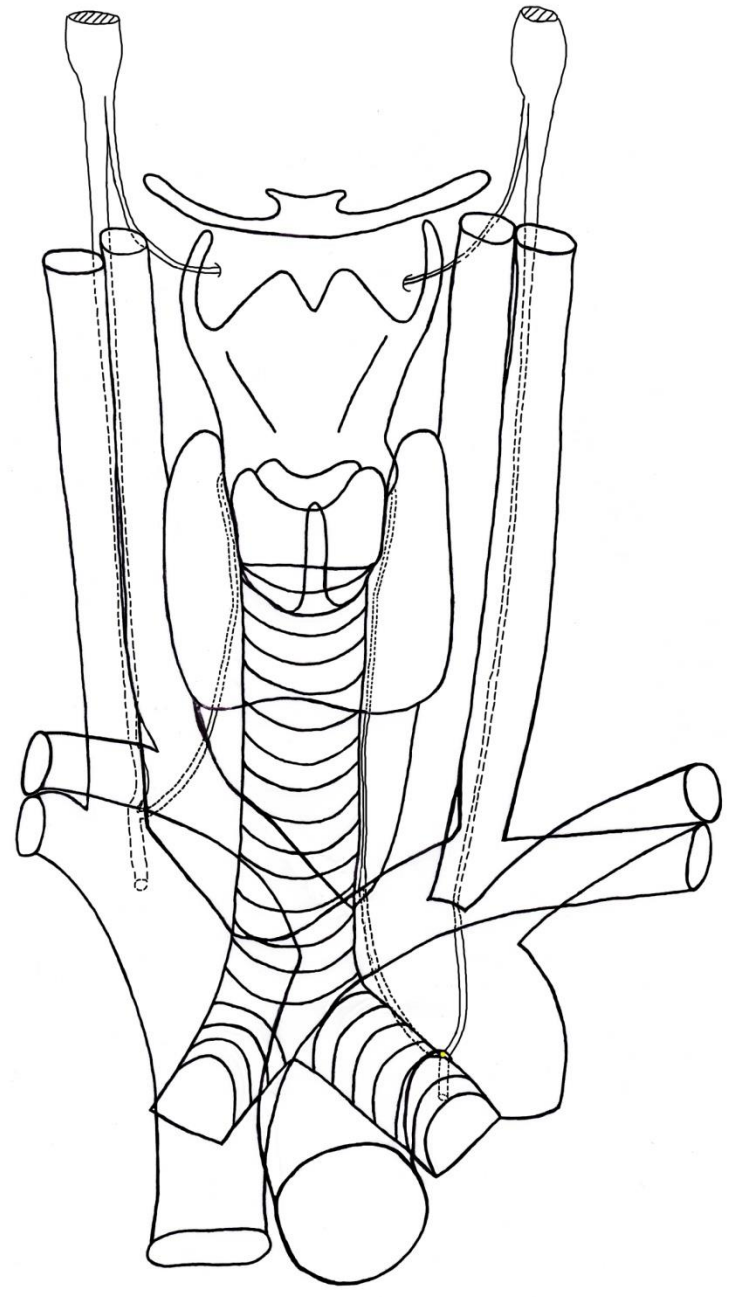
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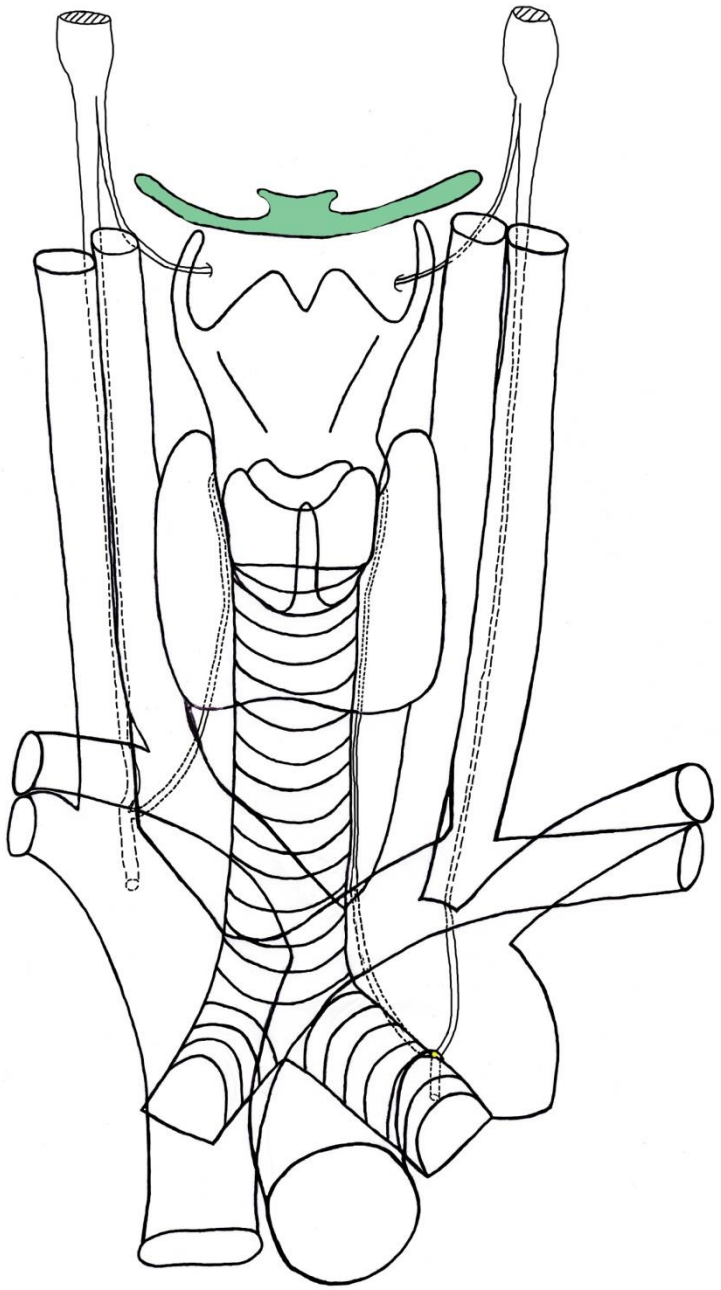


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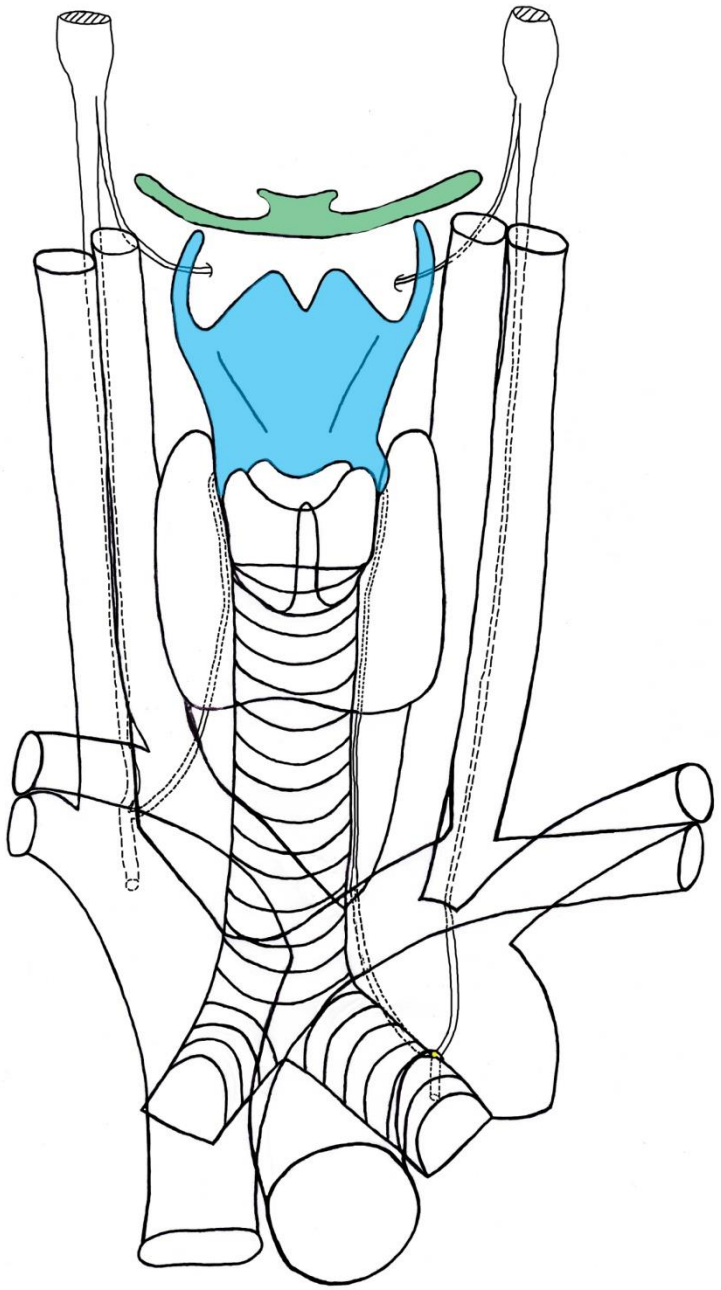




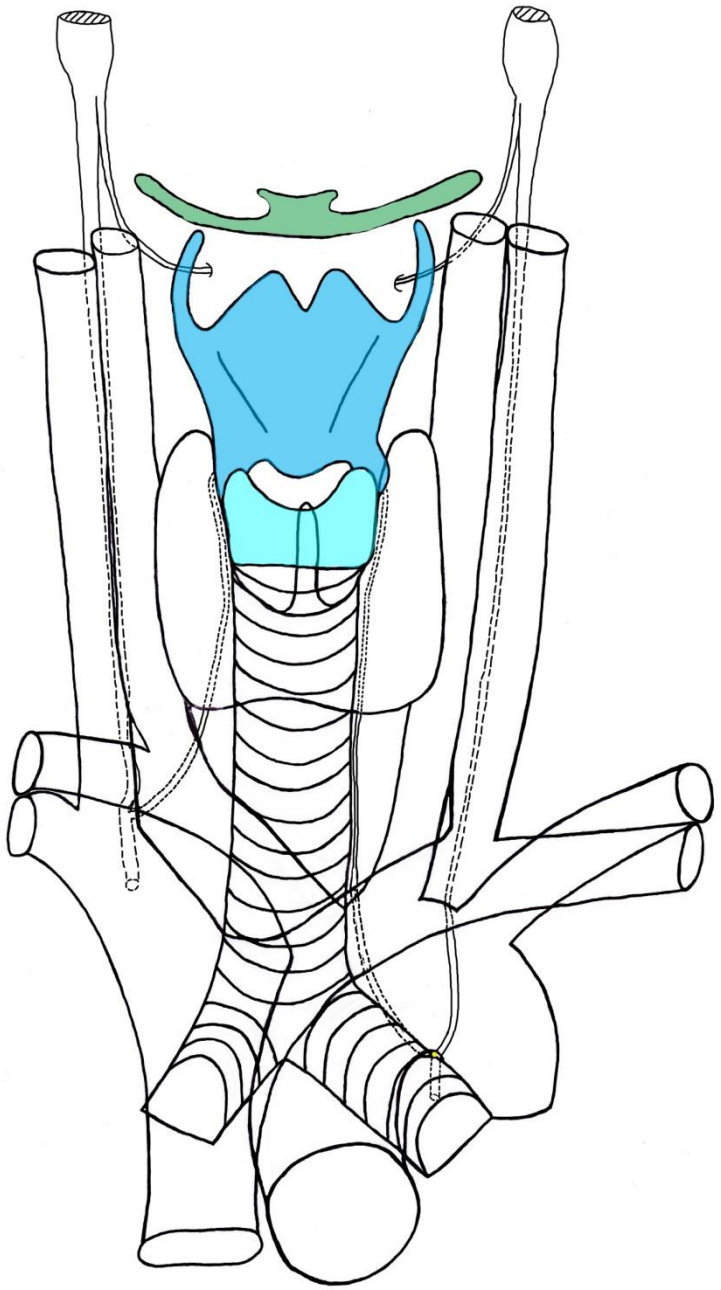
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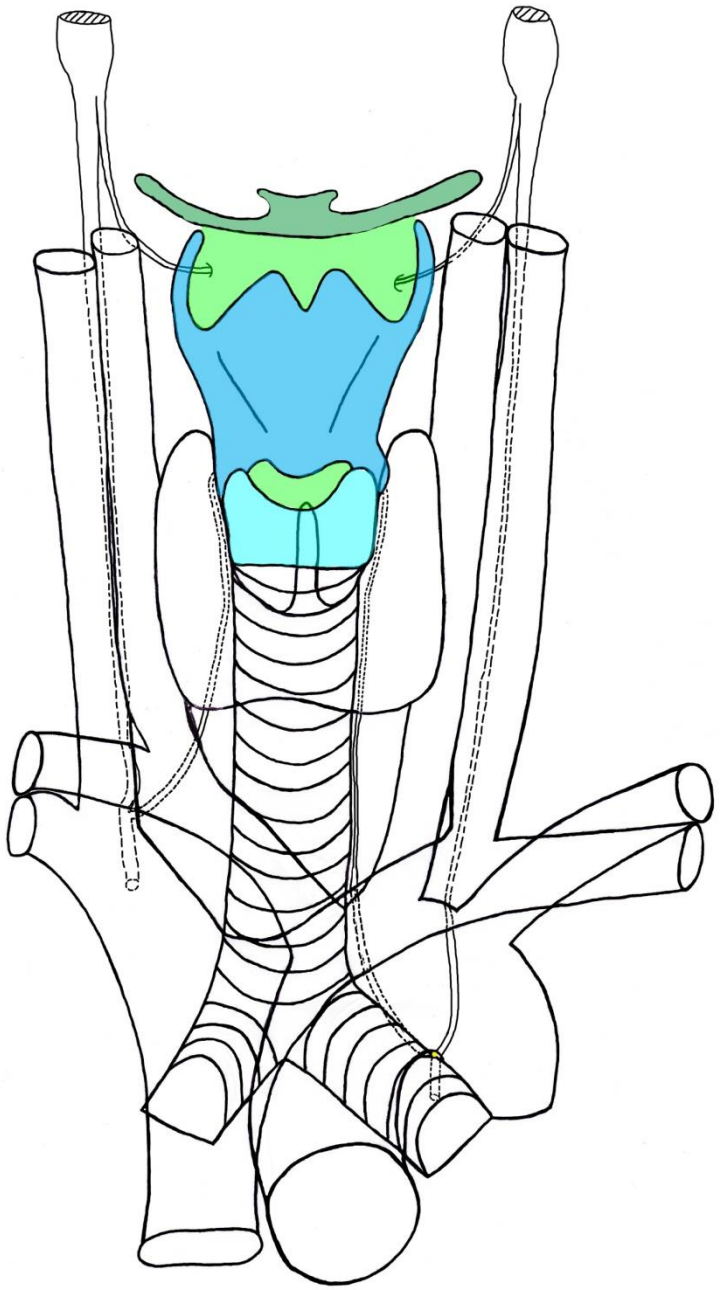
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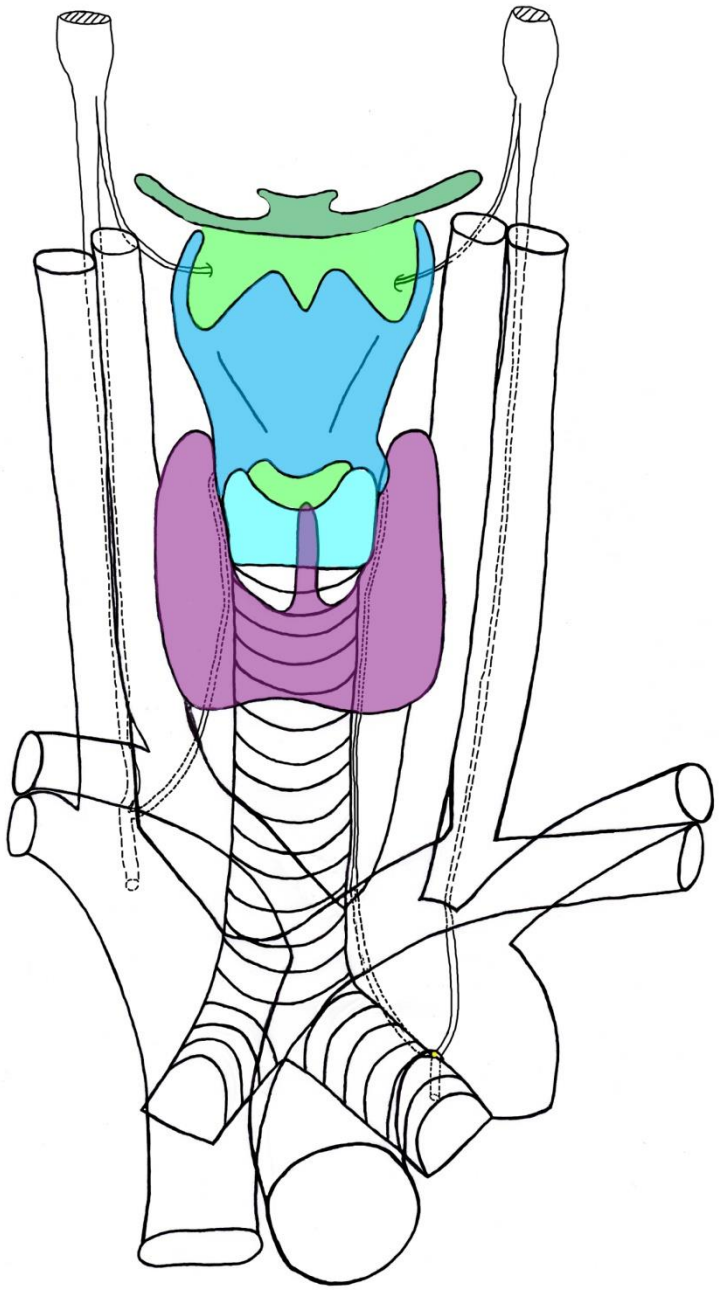
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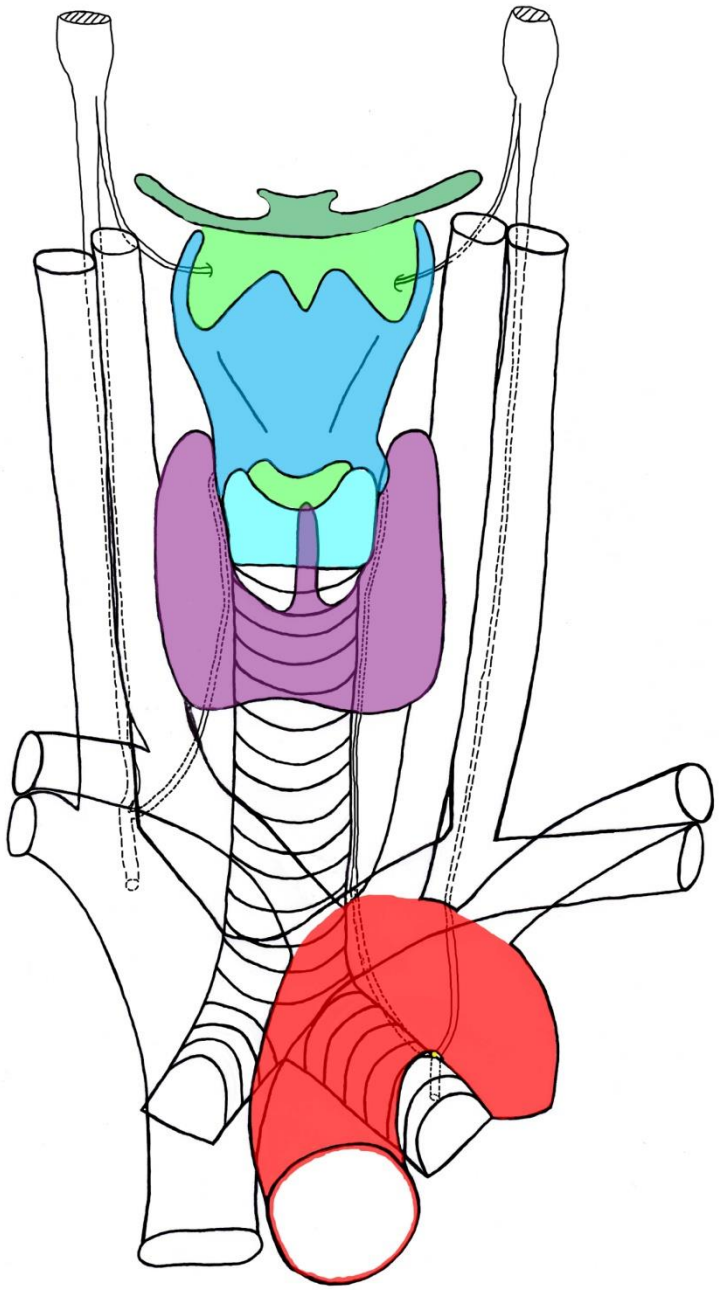
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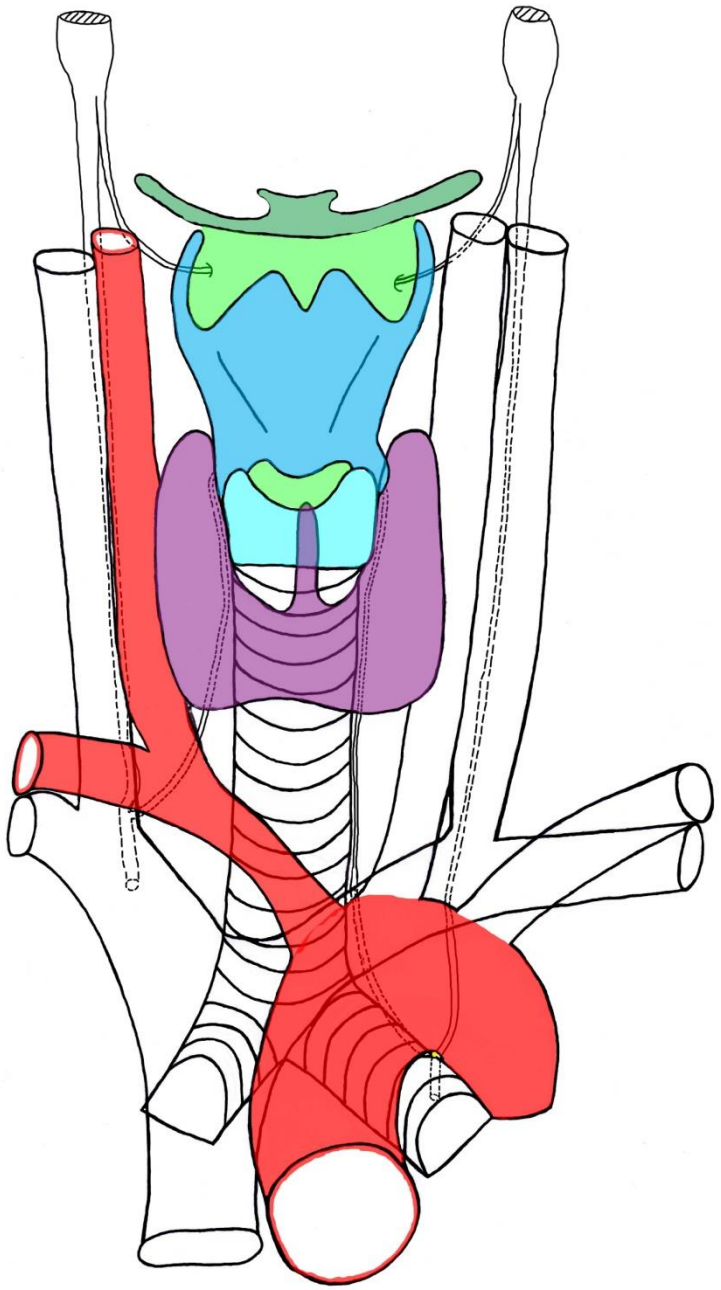
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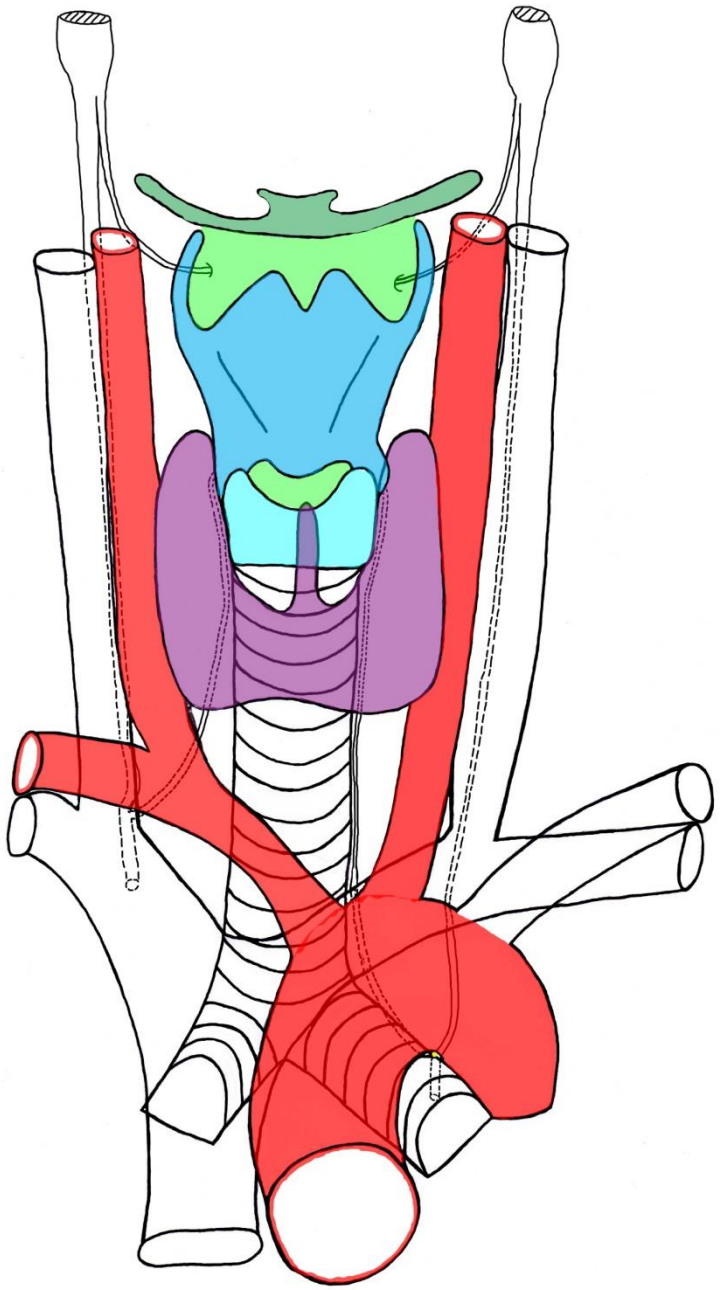
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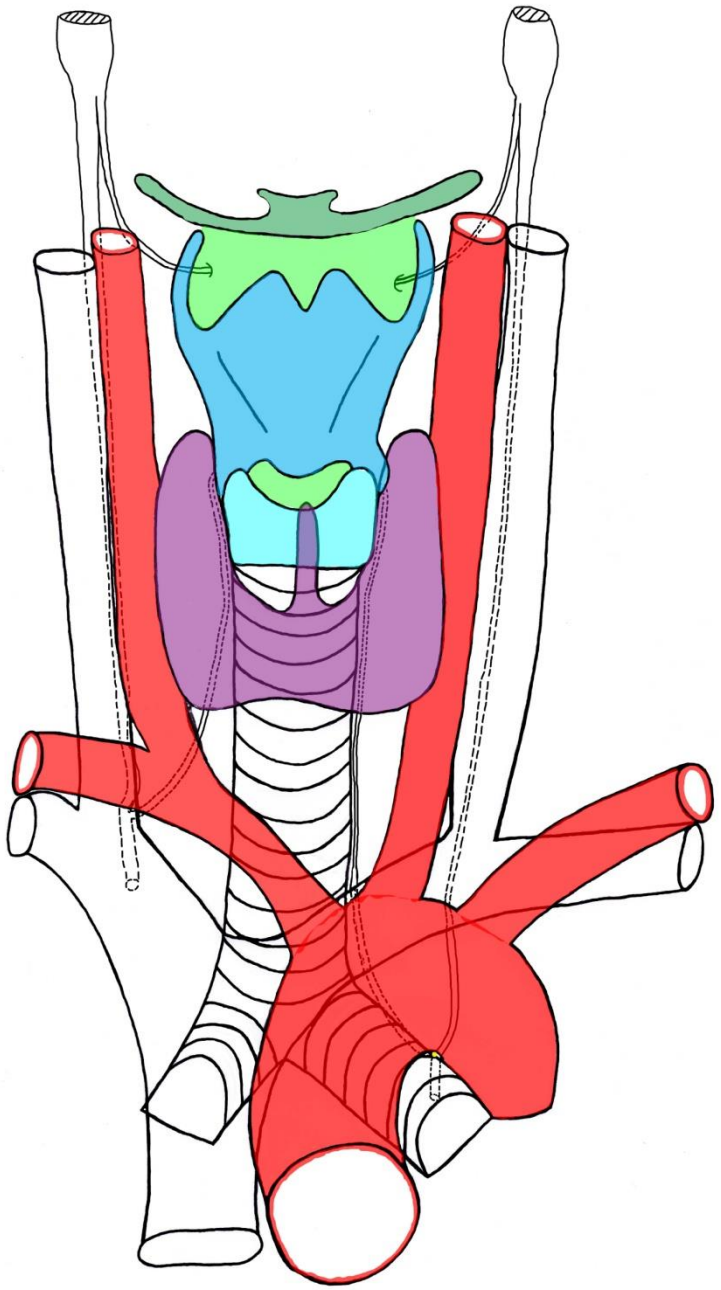


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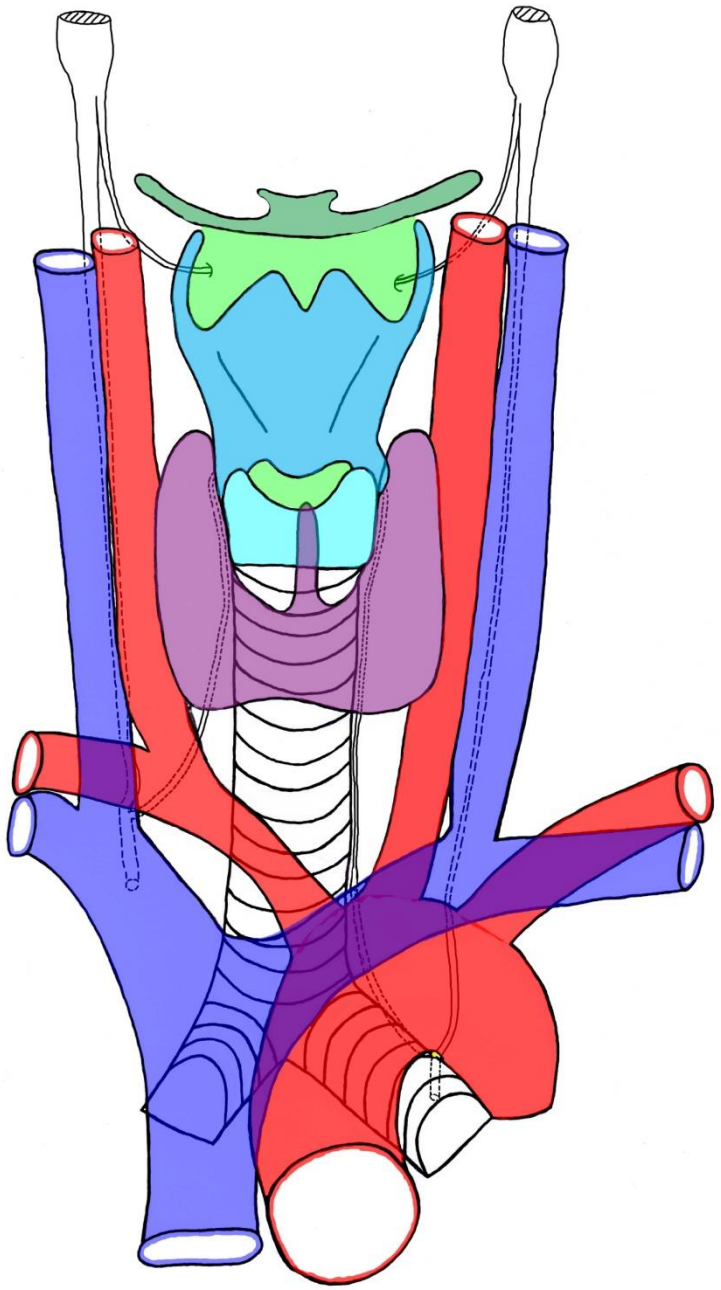




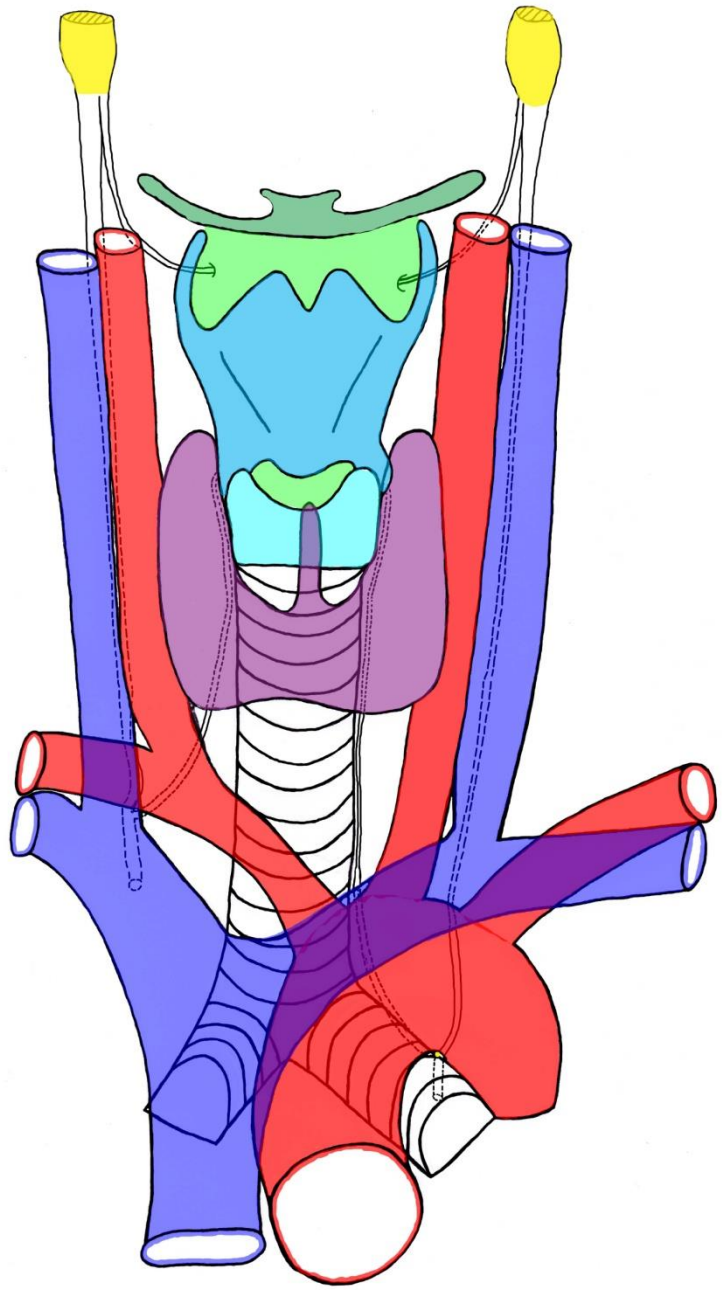
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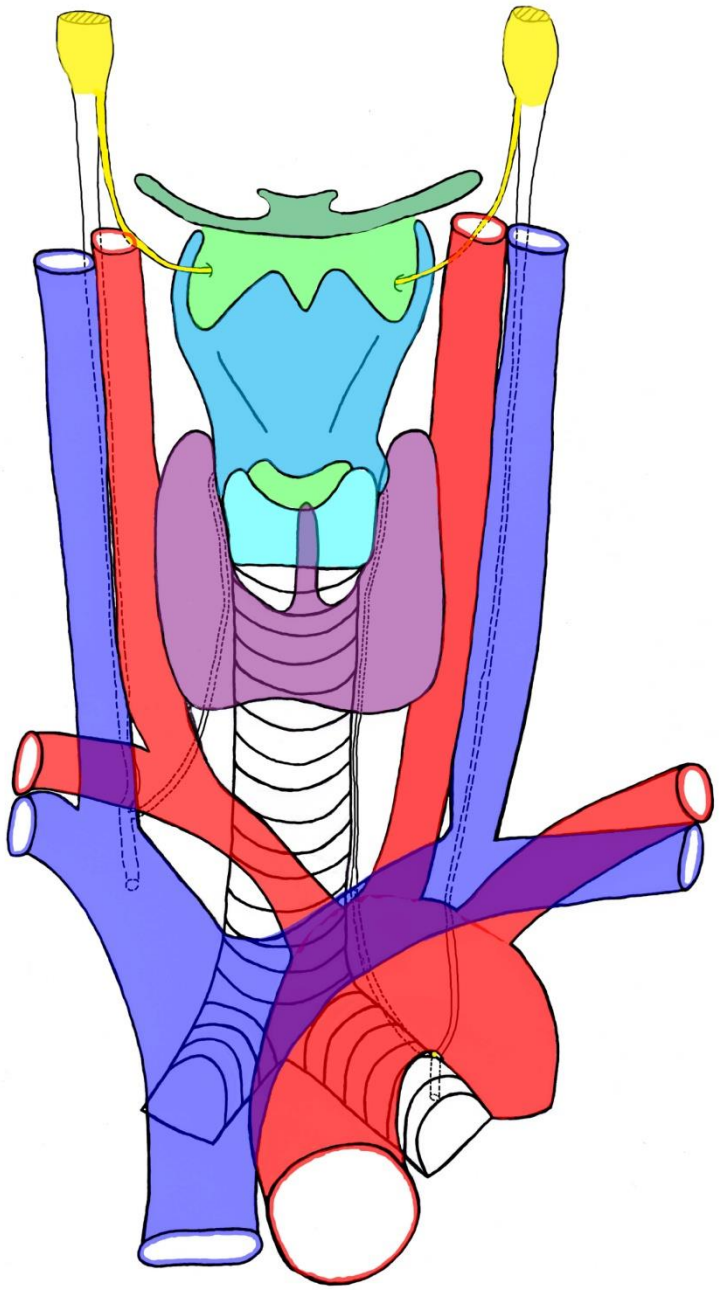
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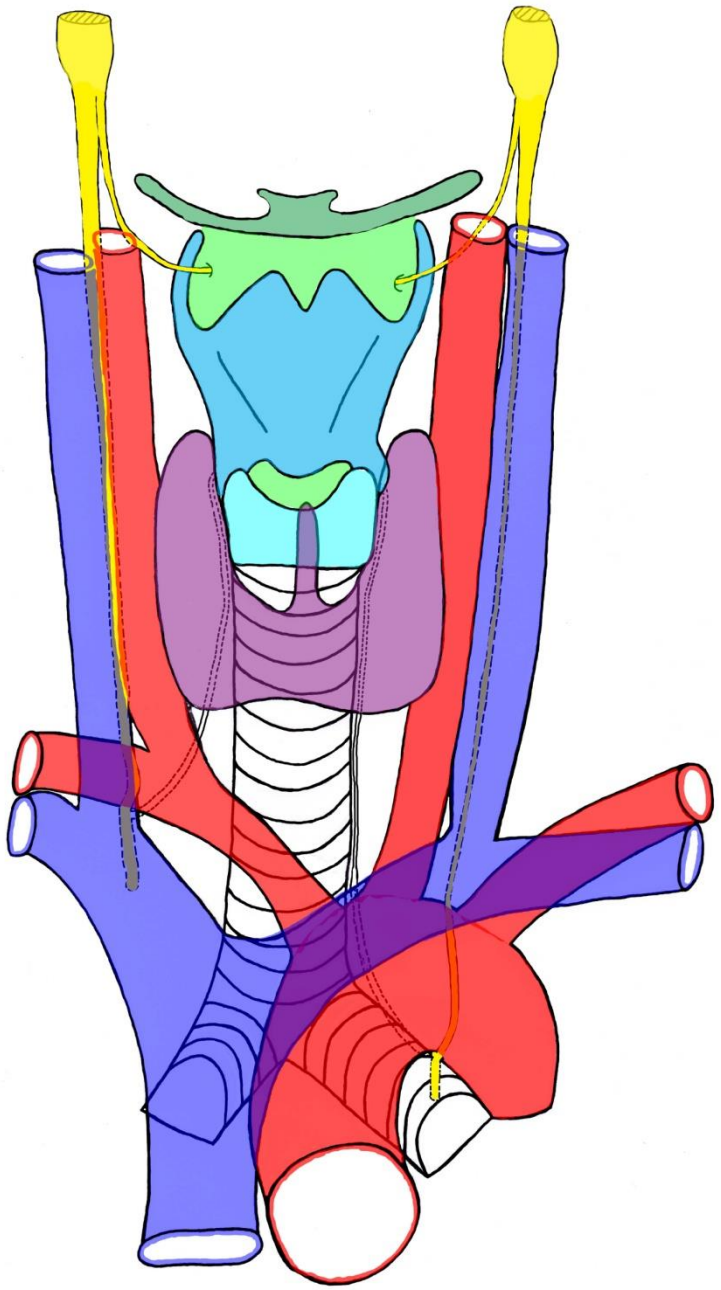
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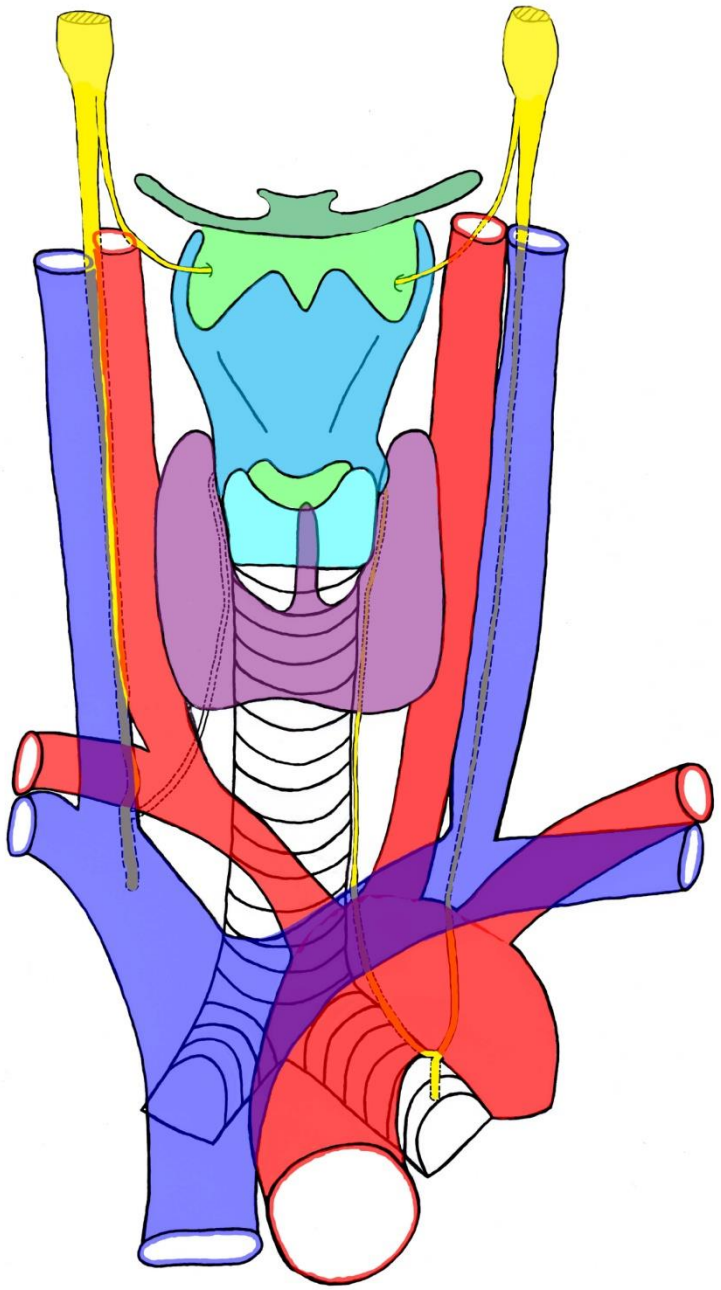
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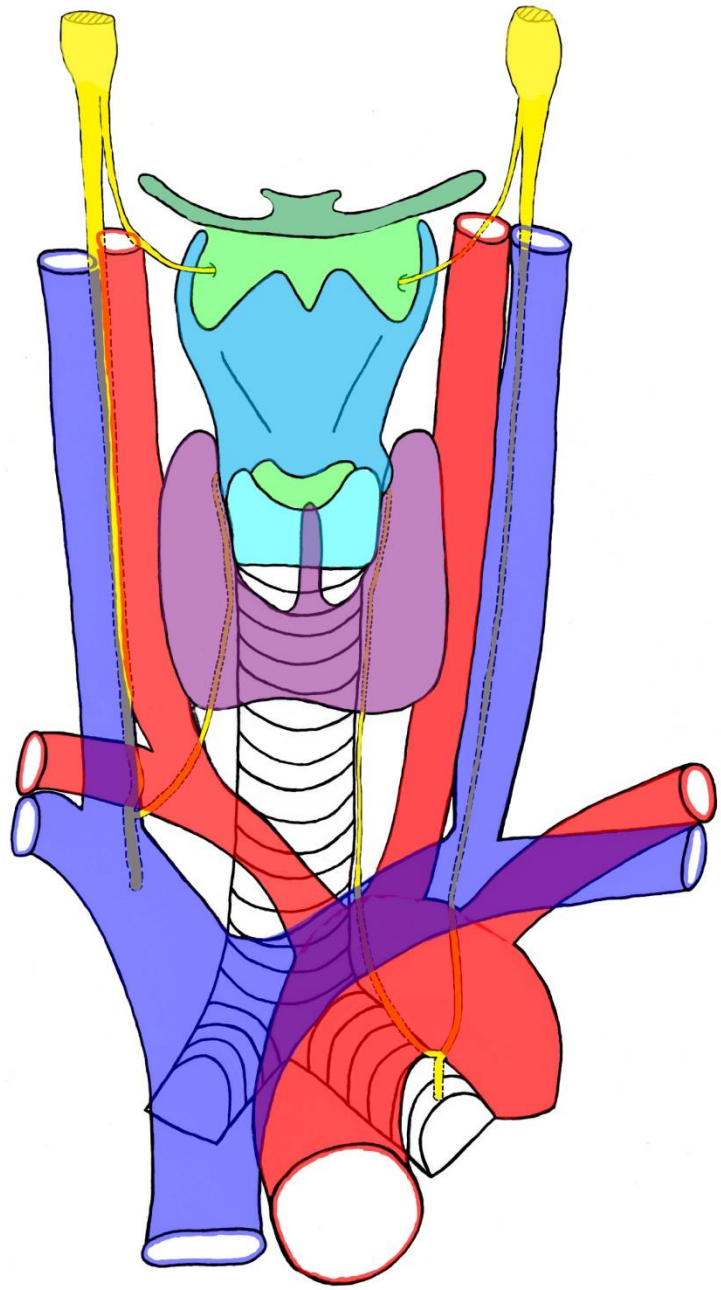
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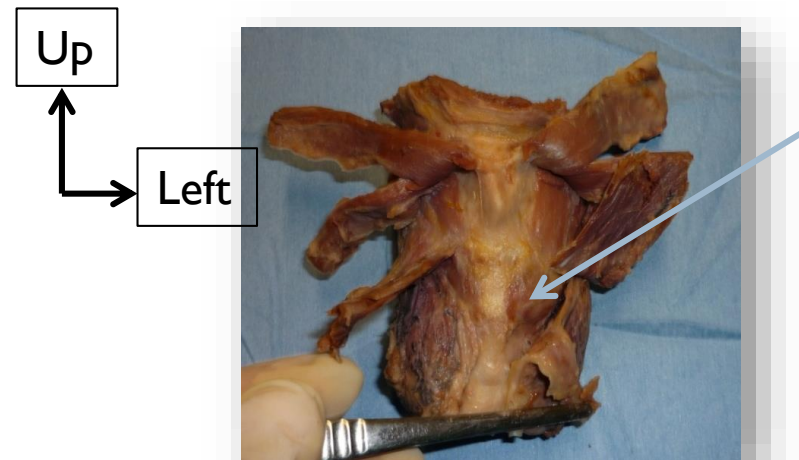
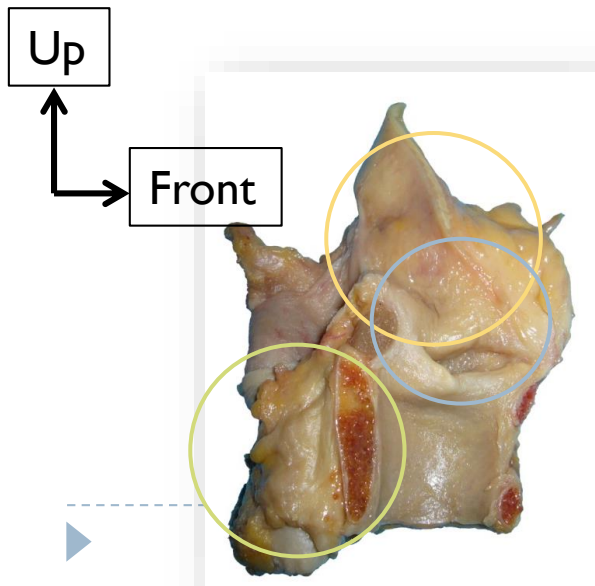
# Superior Laryngeal Nerve-Ending



## Superior laryngeal nerve trunk

- Internal laryngeal nerve
  - ▣ Sensory
  - ▣ Laryngeal vestibule, glottic level, posterior wall

- External laryngeal nerve
  - ▣ Motricity
  - ▣ Crico-thyroid Muscle

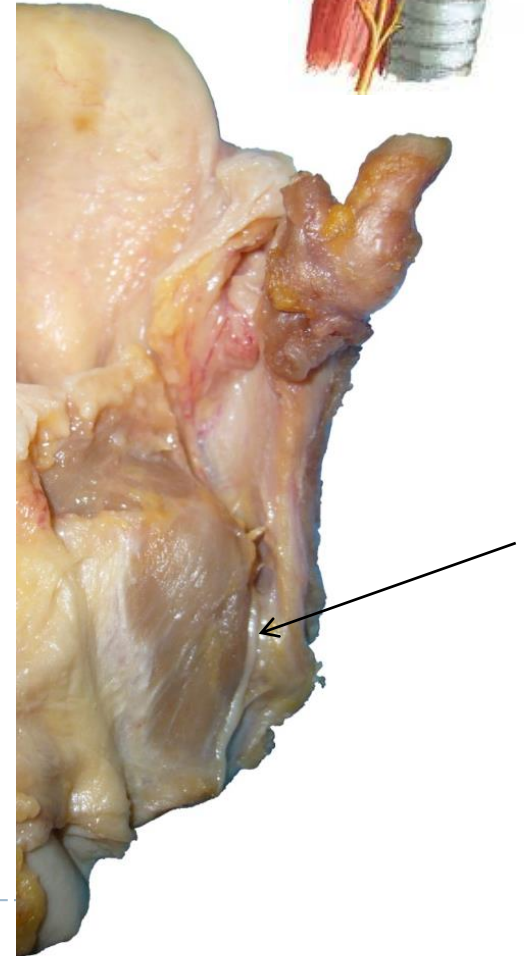
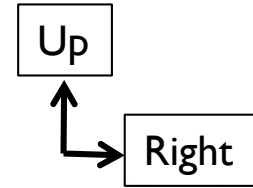




# Inferior Laryngeal Nerve-Ending

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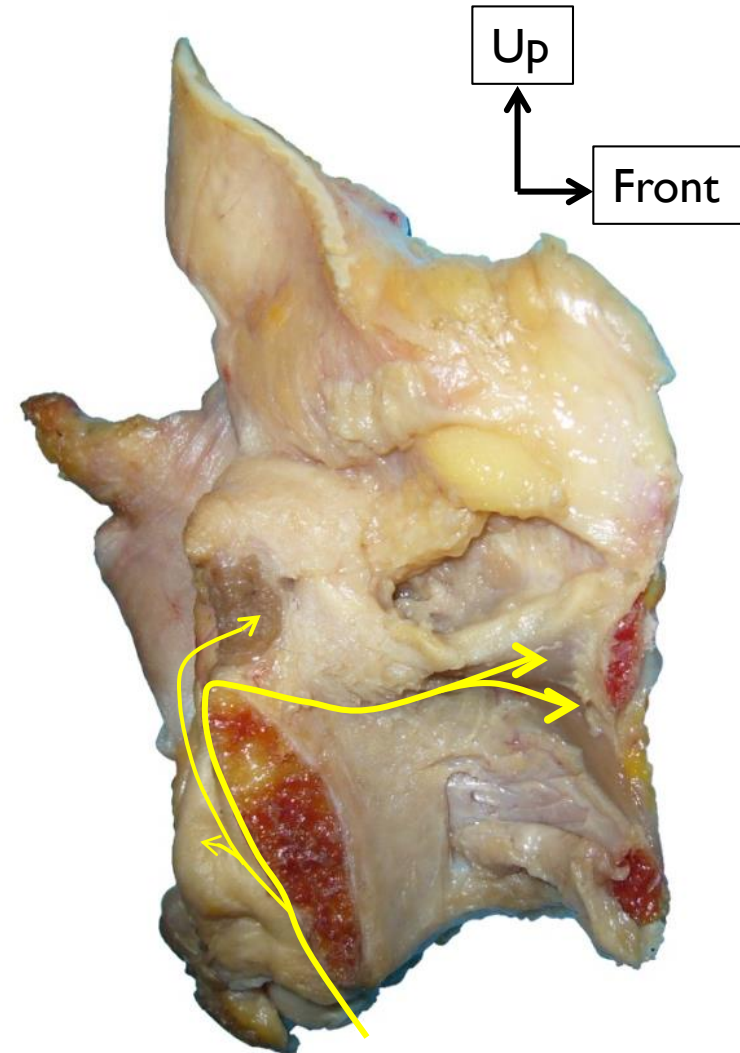
- ▶ Enters in the larynx
  - ▶ Under the inferior pharyngeal constrictor
  - ▶ Behind the crico-thyroid joint
  - ▶ Under the hypopharynx mucosa



# Inferior Laryngeal Nerve-Ending

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- ▶ **Motor nervous branches**
  - ▶ For all the intrinsic laryngeal muscles
  - ▶ **EXCEPT** crico-thyroid muscle

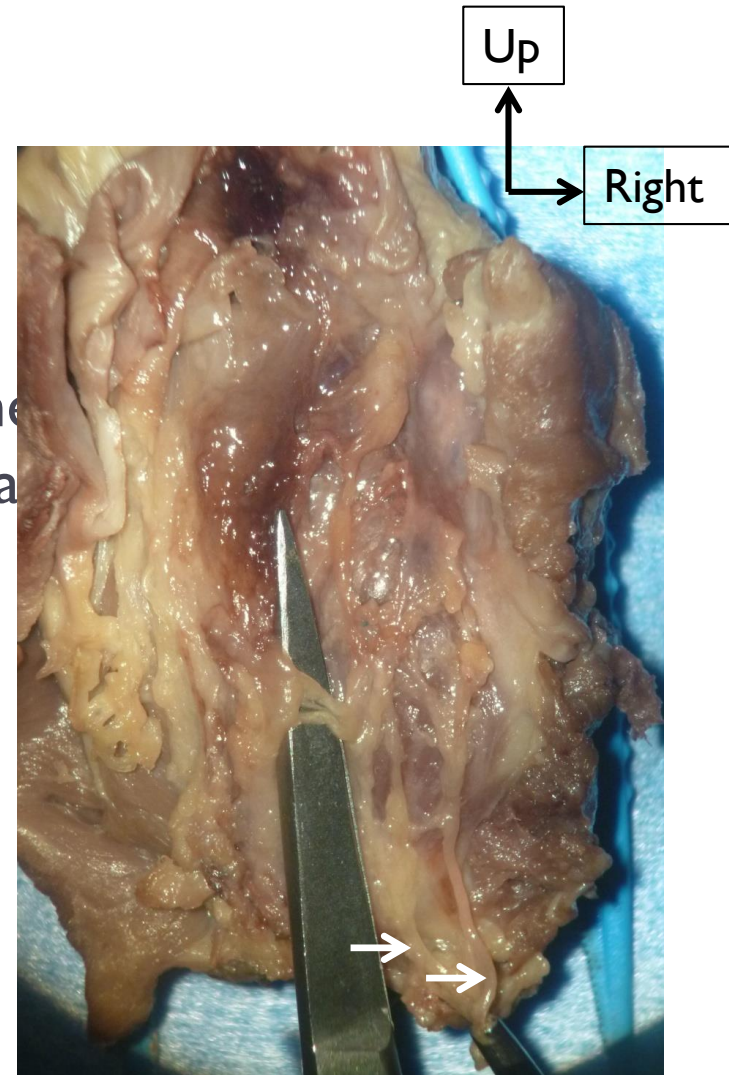


# Inferior Laryngeal Nerve-Ending

## 2 Terminal branches

### ▶ Posterior

- ▶ Runs on the posterior aspect of the PCA, under the pharyngeal mucosa
- ▶ Communication with the internal laryngeal nerve
  - ▶ Galien ansa

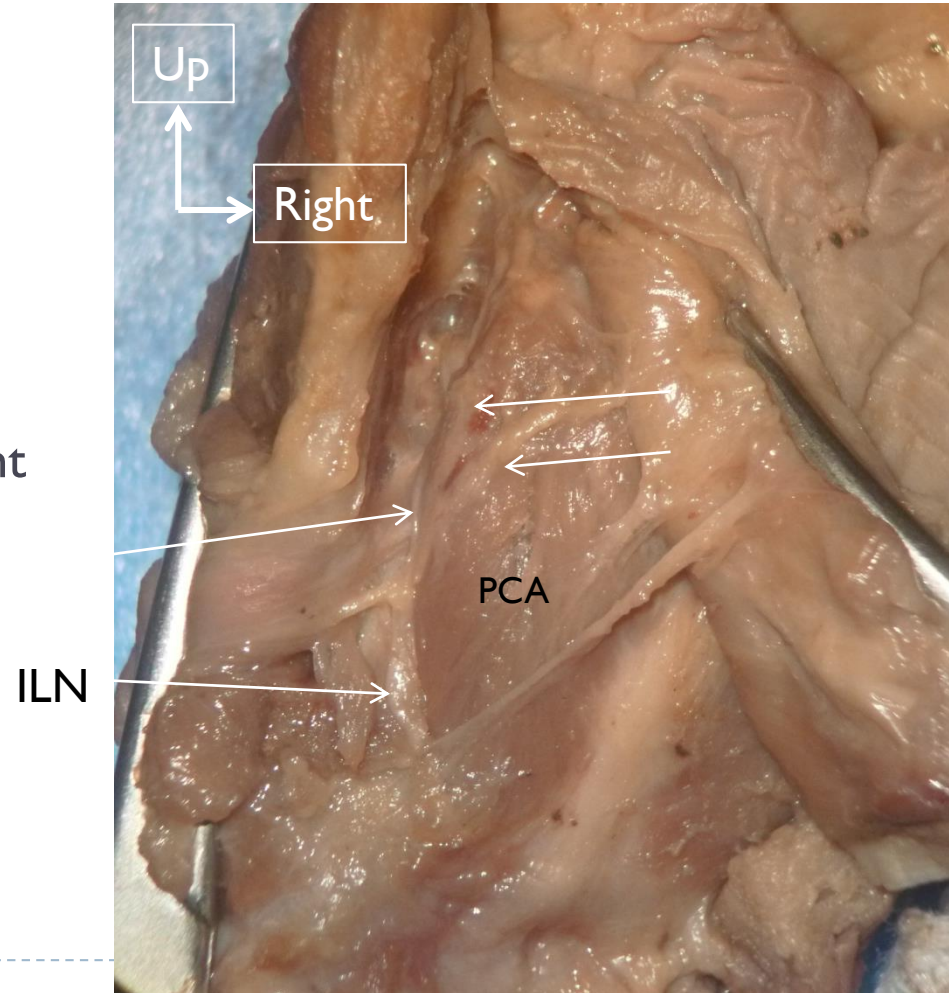


# Inferior Laryngeal Nerve-Ending

## 2 Terminal branches

### ▶ Anterior

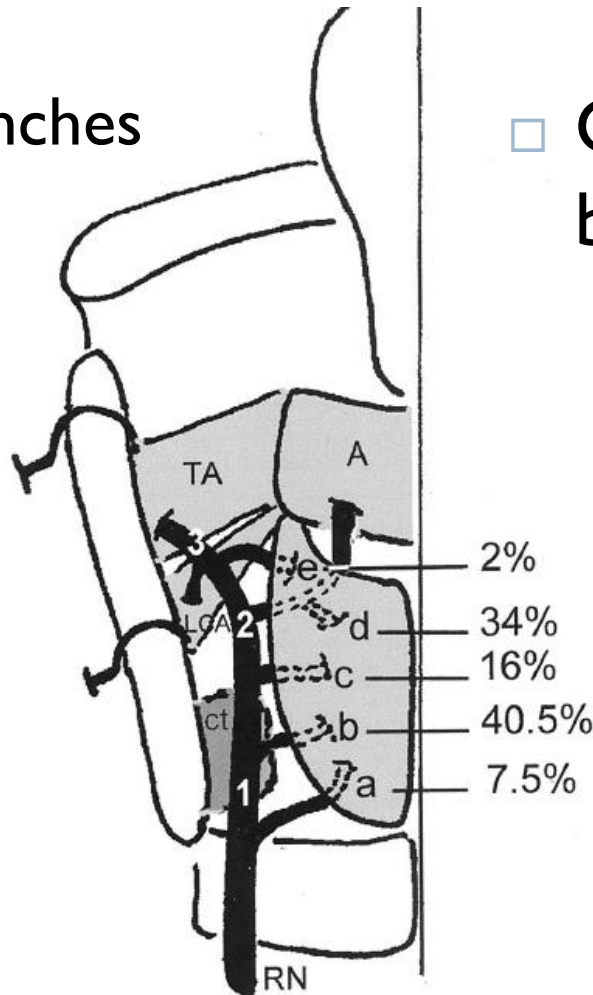
- ▶ Motor Innervation of the intrinsic muscles
- ▶ Vertical segment: behind the cricothyroid joint
- ▶ Genu: Anterior curve, above the joint
- ▶ Oblique segment, laterally to LCA muscle



# Inferior laryngeal Nerve : variability of the terminal branches

## ▶ Number of branches

- ▶ 1 branch=7.3%
- ▶ 2 branches=42.7%
- ▶ 3 branches=34%
- ▶ 4 branches=10.7%
- ▶ 5 branches=4.7%
- ▶ 6 branches: 0.6%



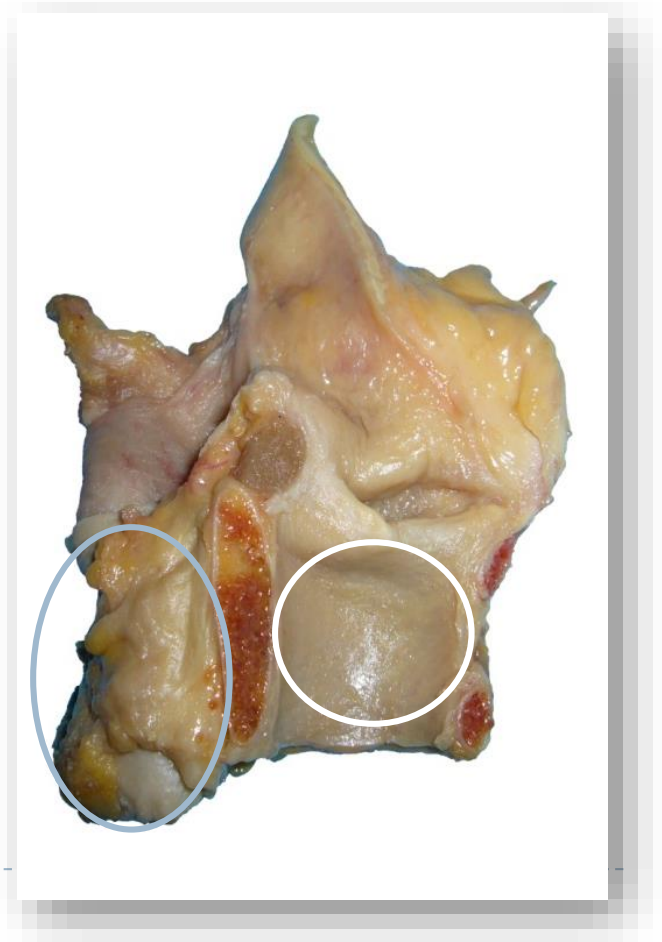
## □ Origins of the PCA branches

- A: vertical segment under CT joint
- b: vertical segment behind CT joint
- c: vertical segment above CT joint
- d=genu, common origin with IA nerve branch
- e=oblique segment, between the IA and LCA branches

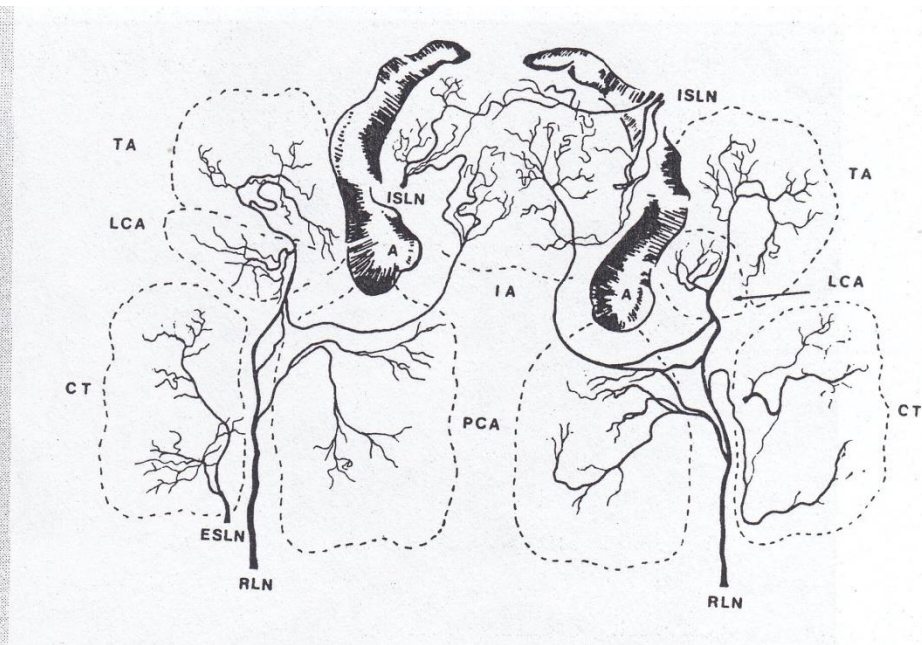
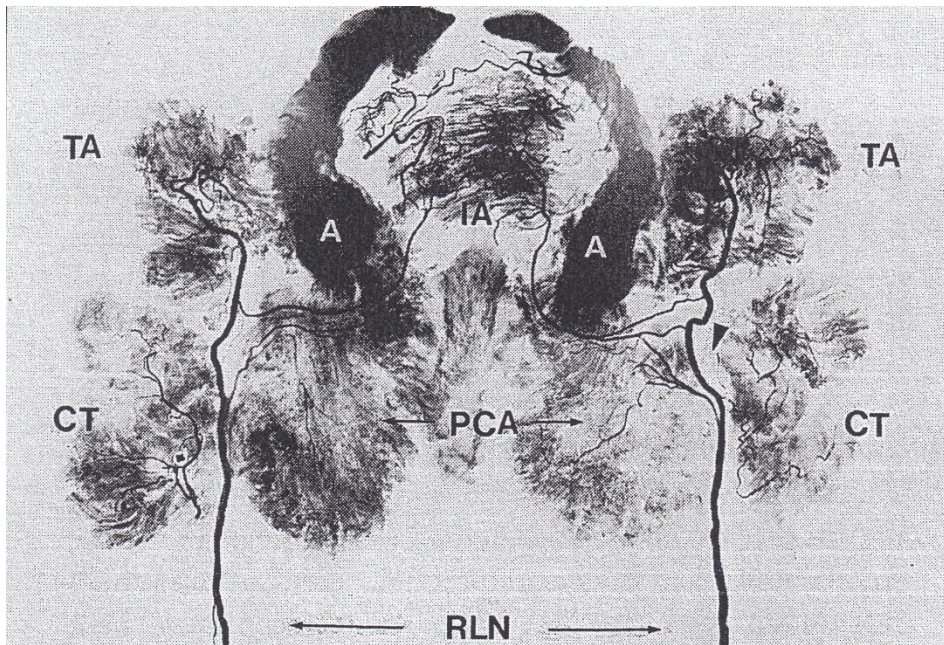
# Inferior laryngeal nerve-Ending

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- ▶ Sensory branches
  - ▶ Piriform sinus
  - ▶ Subglottic space

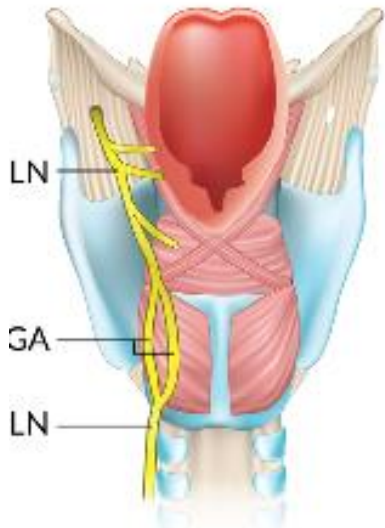


# Communications between ILN and SLN

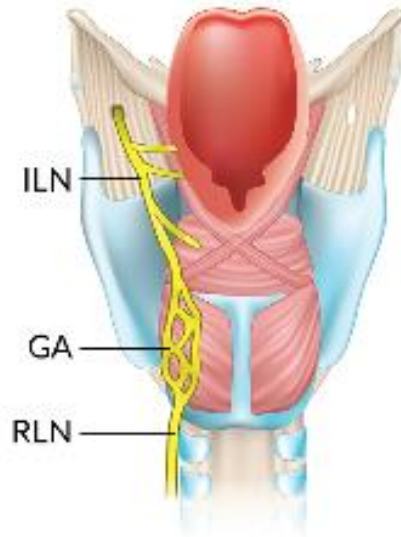


# Communications between ILN and SLN

Galen's anastomosis double trunk

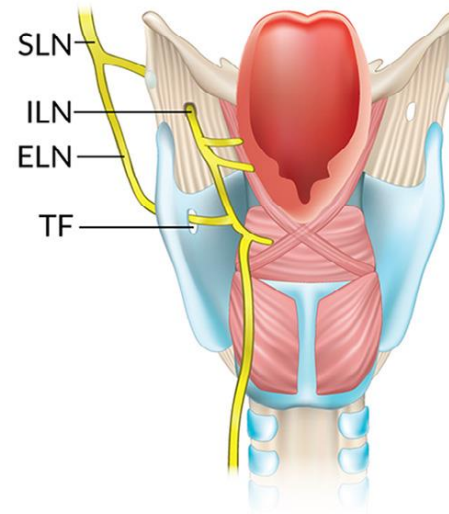


Galen's anastomosis plexus

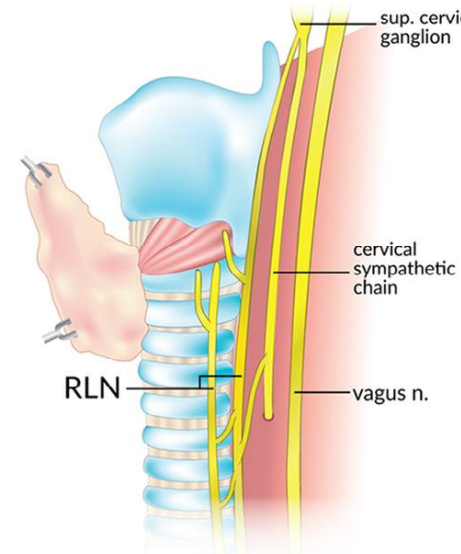


90%

ILN and ELN

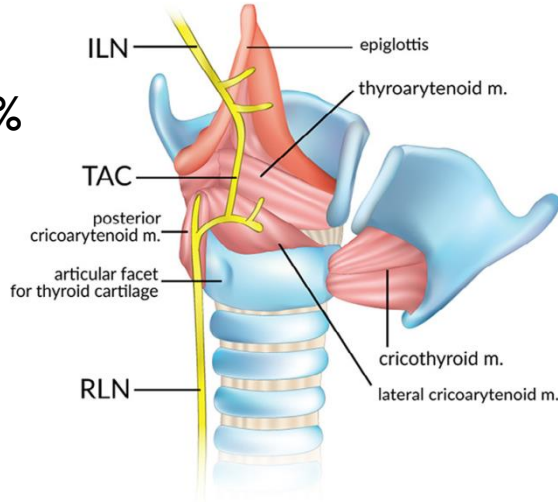


RLN and sympathetic trunk



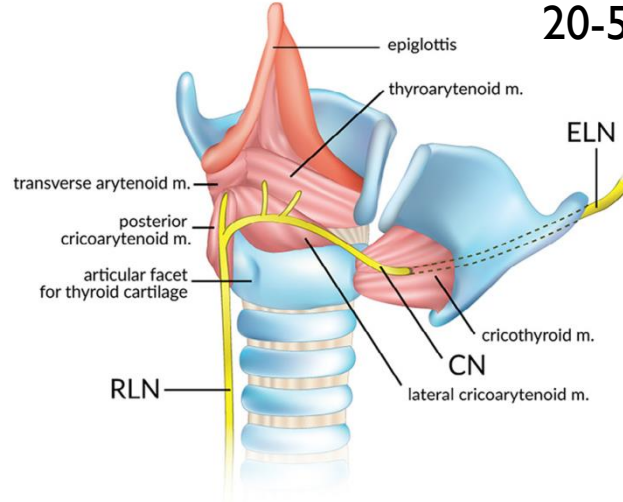


Thyroarythenoid communication



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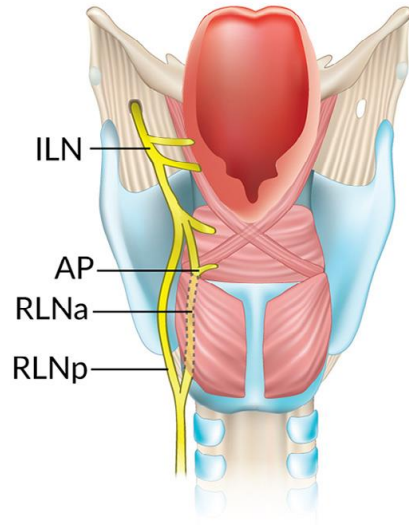
Communication between ELN and RLN



20-50%

Arytenoid plexus

70%



Cricoid communication

20%

