





## Risk and Complication

1. There are always certain side effects and risks of complications of the procedure. Medical staff will take every preventive measure to reduce their likelihood.
2. Common risks and complications
  - 2.1 Bleeding / haematoma
  - 2.2 Infection
  - 2.3 Surgical emphysema
  - 2.4 Airway obstruction
  - 2.5 Extrusion of implant
  - 2.6 Persistent or increase hoarseness
3. Uncommon risks with serious consequences (<1%)
  - 3.1 Neurovascular injury
  - 3.2 Laryngocutaneous fistula
  - 3.3 Infection of laryngeal cartilage
  - 3.4 Respiratory arrest, risk of death may occur in rare circumstances.
4. Consequences of no treatment
  - 4.1 Persistent dysphonia
  - 4.2 Aspiration pneumonia

## Alternative Treatment / Investigation

1. Vocal fold medialization by injection
2. Reinnervation procedures
3. Arytenoid adduction
4. Nasogastric tube / gastrostomy plus tracheostomy for severe aspiration

## Disclaimer

This leaflet only provides general information pertaining to this operation / procedure. While common risks and complications are described, the list is not exhaustive, and the degree of risk could also vary between patients. Please contact your doctor for detailed information and specific enquiry.

## Reference

Smart patient website by Hospital Authority: Thyroplasty (2/2020)

**Patient's Label**  
 Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hospital No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Episode No: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_