

# Virtual Laryngectomy Conference

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## Perspectives on Communication After Living Many Years Following Total Laryngectomy: A Qualitative Case Series Study

Individuals undergoing total laryngectomy experience significant changes to their communication, physical appearance, and a host of other functional changes arising from their surgery with or without chemoradiation. Individuals can live for many years and decades after laryngectomy and latent changes to head and neck structures can occur. This qualitative study utilized semi-structured interviews and thematic content analysis in a series of people who have lived at least 10 years post laryngectomy. Common themes that emerged included: 1) impact on perception of self; 2) perseverance and resiliency; and 3) limitations and adjustments. Results are discussed within a biopsychosocial model of 'quality of cancer survivorship framework'.

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### WHEN

On-Demand viewing available:

**Mon., November 16** 8:00am EST through  
**Sat., November 21** 11:59pm EST



### TIME-ORDERED AGENDA

00:00 – 05:00:	Introduction & Purpose – Survivorship after laryngectomy & Study Aims
05:00 – 10:00:	Overview of Study Procedures
10:00 – 25:00:	Study Results & Conclusions
25:00 – 30:00:	Question & Answer



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Describe recurring themes about how communication has changed over several years ( $\geq 5$  years) after total laryngectomy and completion of cancer treatments.

Compare the patient reported themes about communication changes over many years post-total laryngectomy to the changes immediately after laryngectomy as reported in the literature.

Describe the reported themes about long term changes in communication after laryngectomy in the context of quality cancer survivorship.



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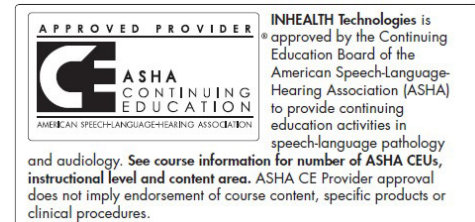
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