



## **Surgical Options in Tracheal Stenosis**

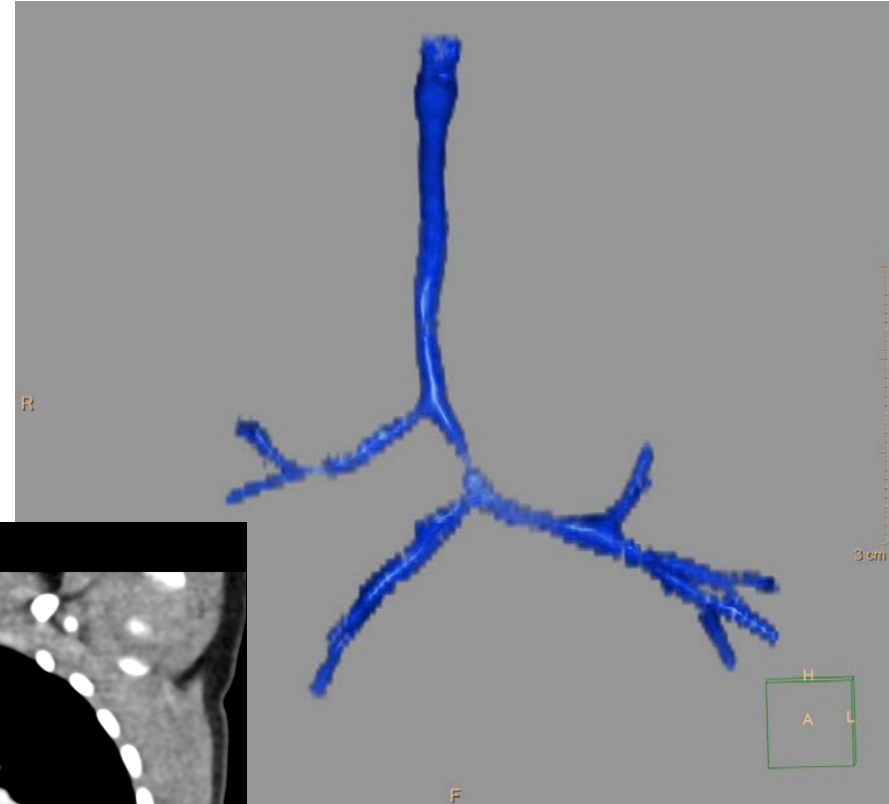
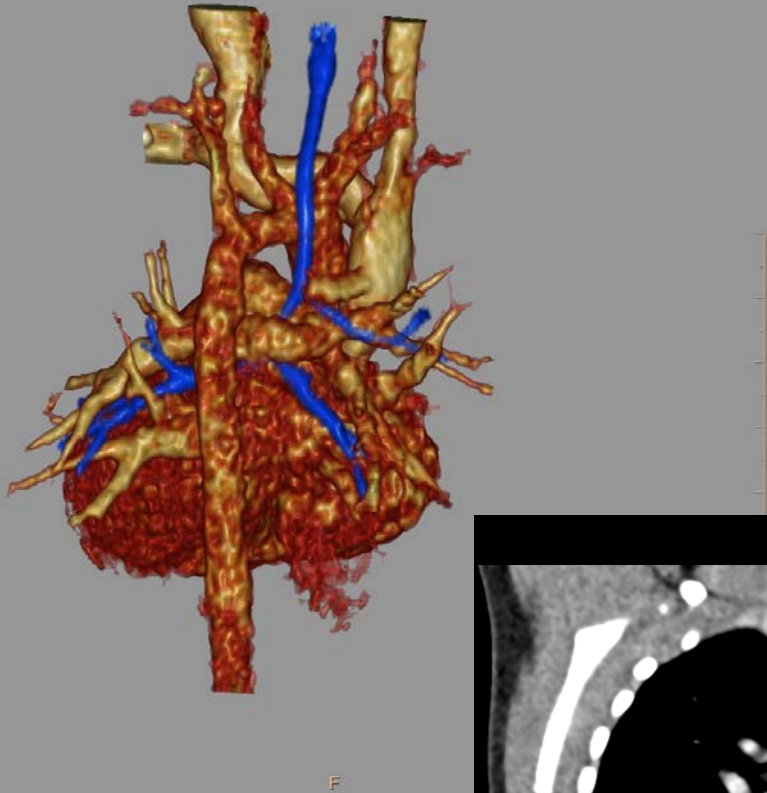
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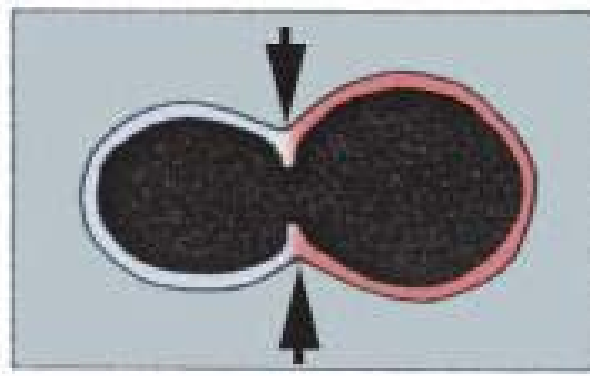
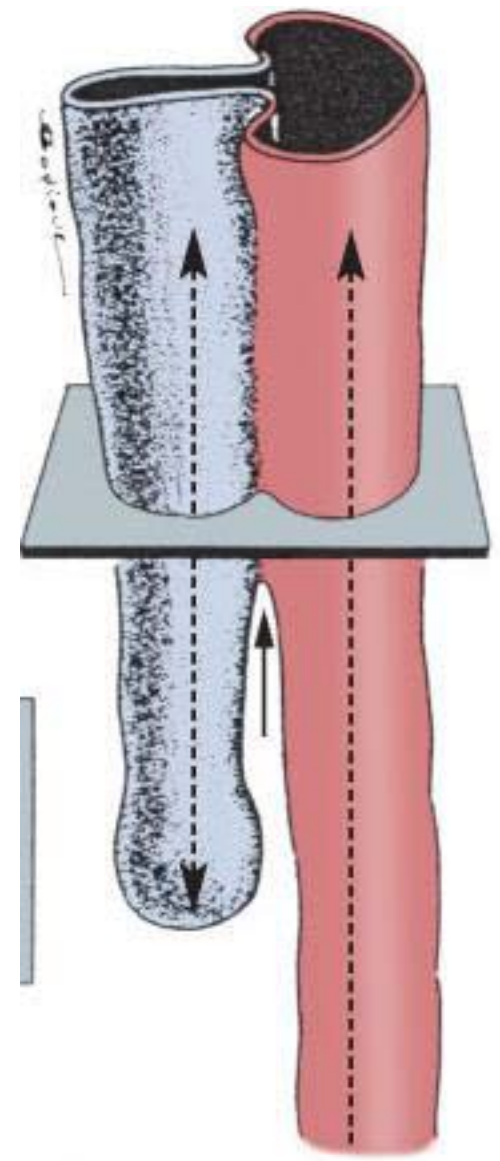
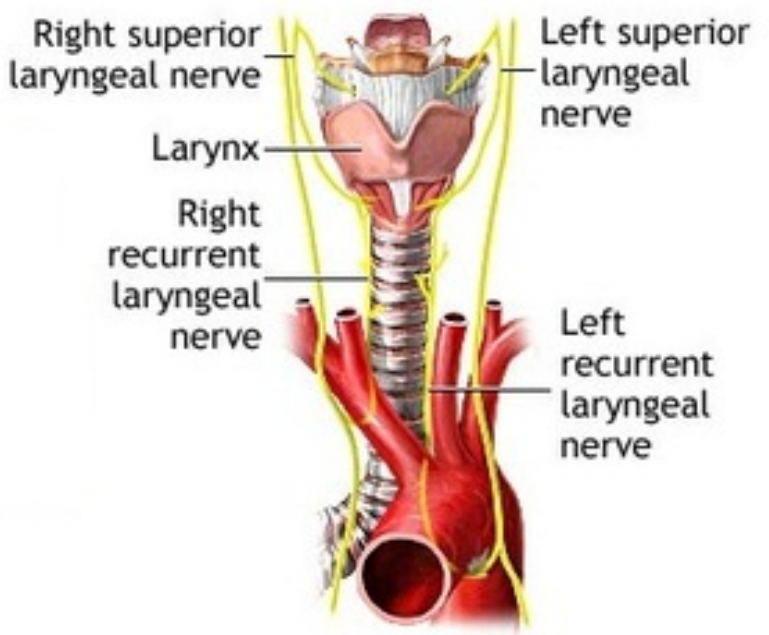
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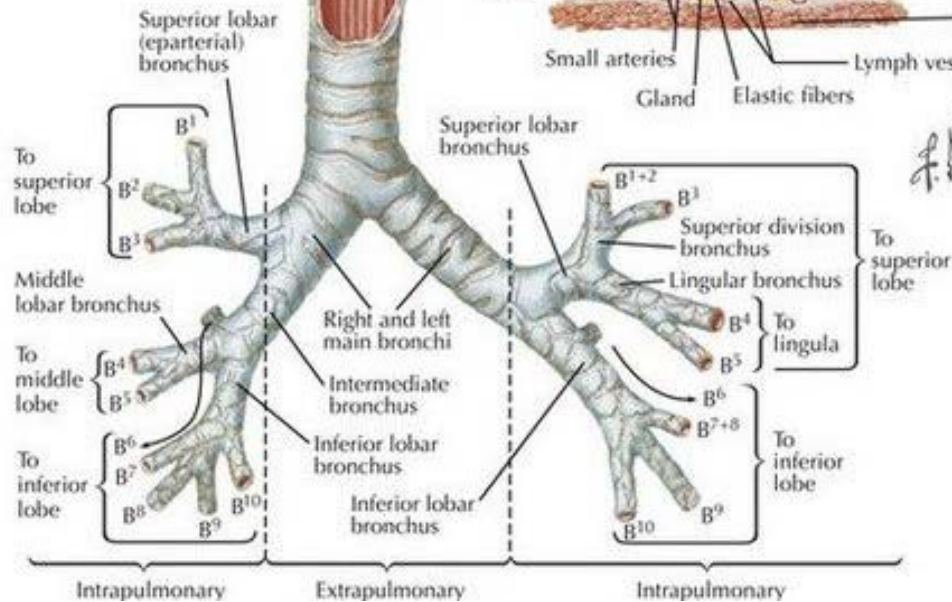
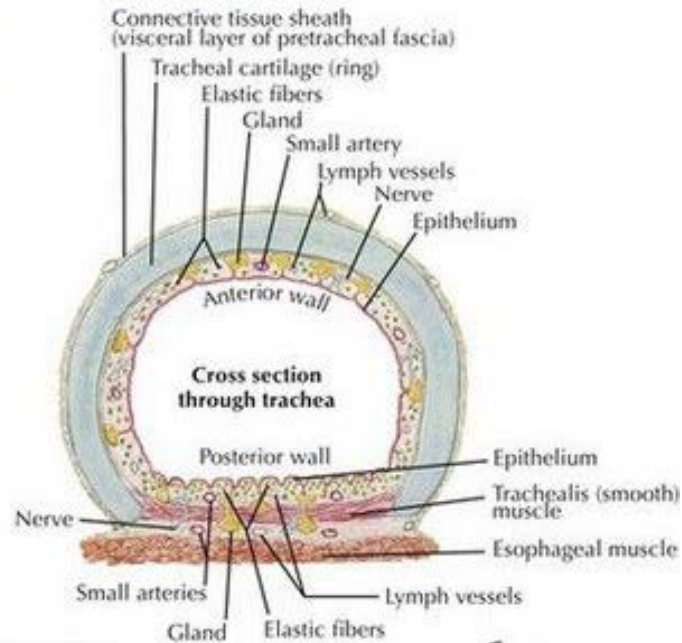
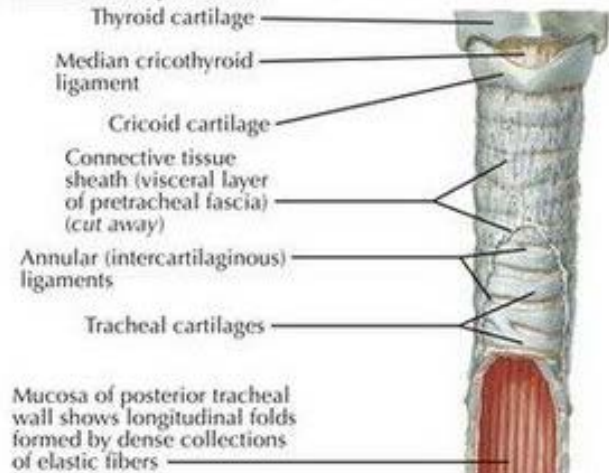
# Introduction



# Anatomy of the Trachea



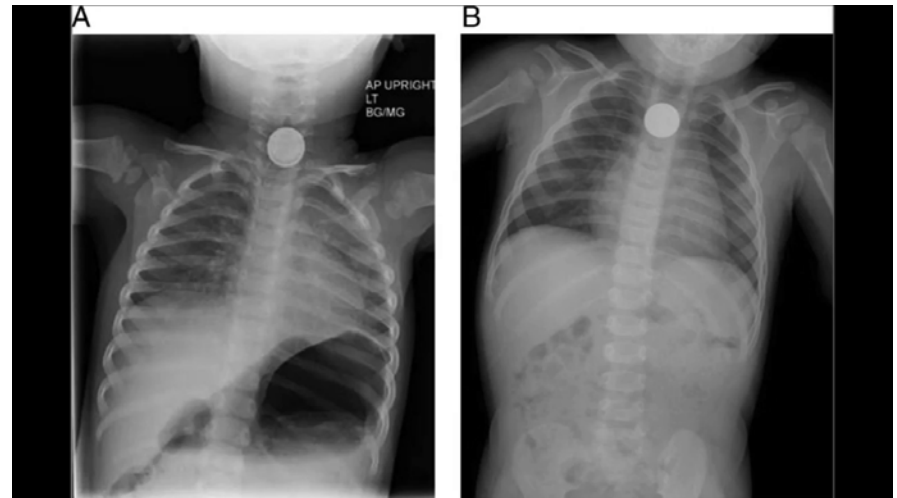
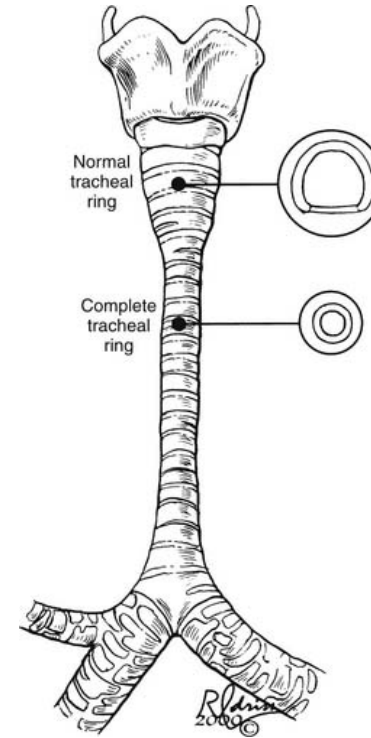
**B. Trachea and major bronchi**



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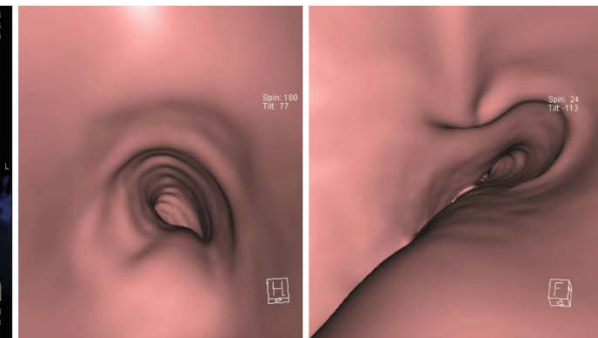
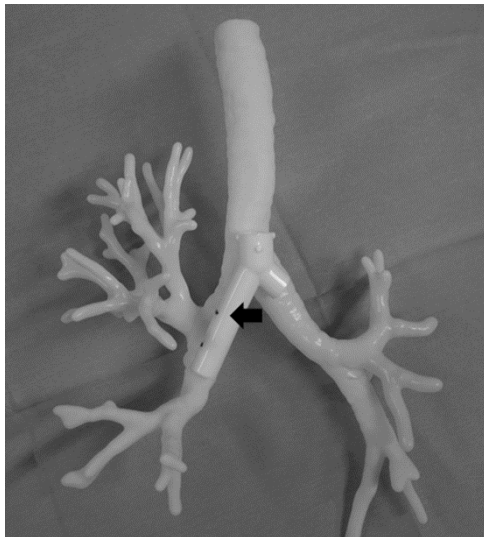
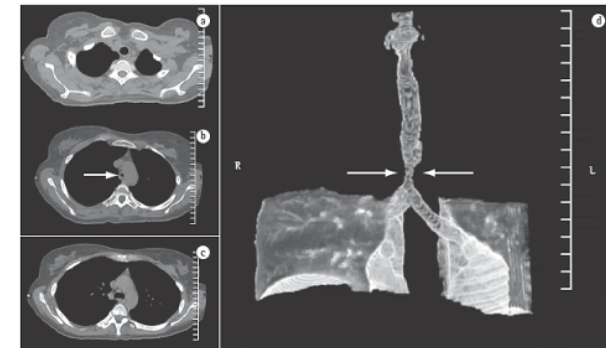
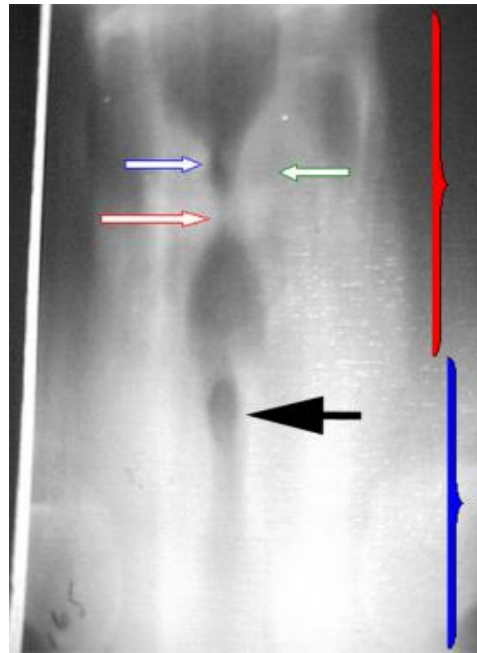
# Ethiology tracheal stenosis

- Congenital
  - Complete rings
  - TE-fistulas
  - Compression
- Acquired
  - Trauma
  - Tumor
  - Intubation
  - Battery ingestion
- Associated lesions
  - Cardiac defects
  - Vascular
  - Genetics



# Diagnosis

- X-ray
- CT scan
- Endoscopy
- Functional testing
- 3D printing
- Virtual reality



# Surgical Options Tracheal Stenosis

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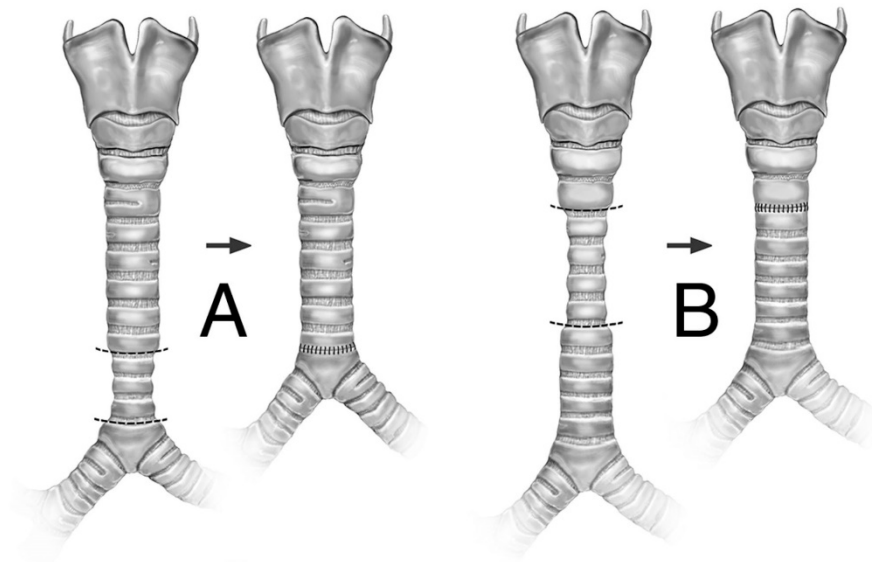
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- Resection, ETE anastomosis
- Patch plasty
- Sliding tracheoplasty
- Graft interposition
- Stenting

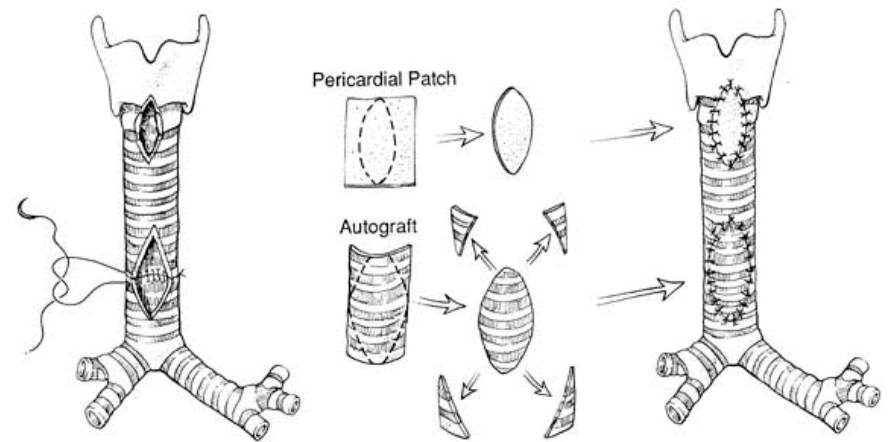
# Resection and Anastomosis

- Relatively easy
- Short segments only
- Outgrowth satisfactory
- Tension on anastomosis
- Chin-sternal fixation
- External fixation



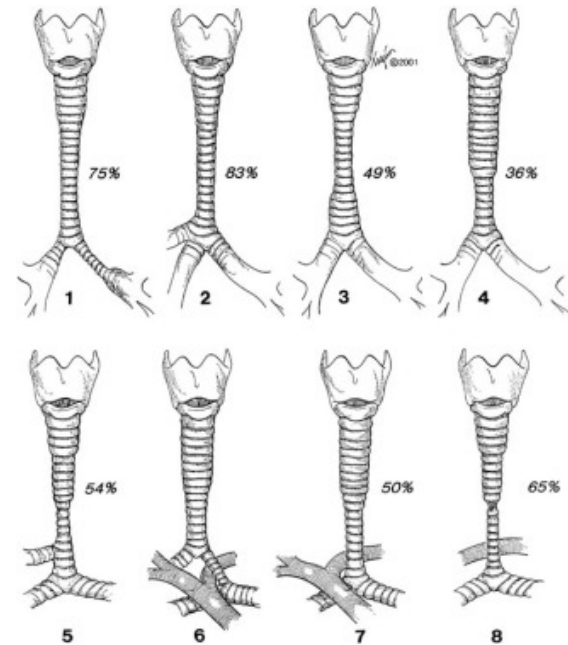
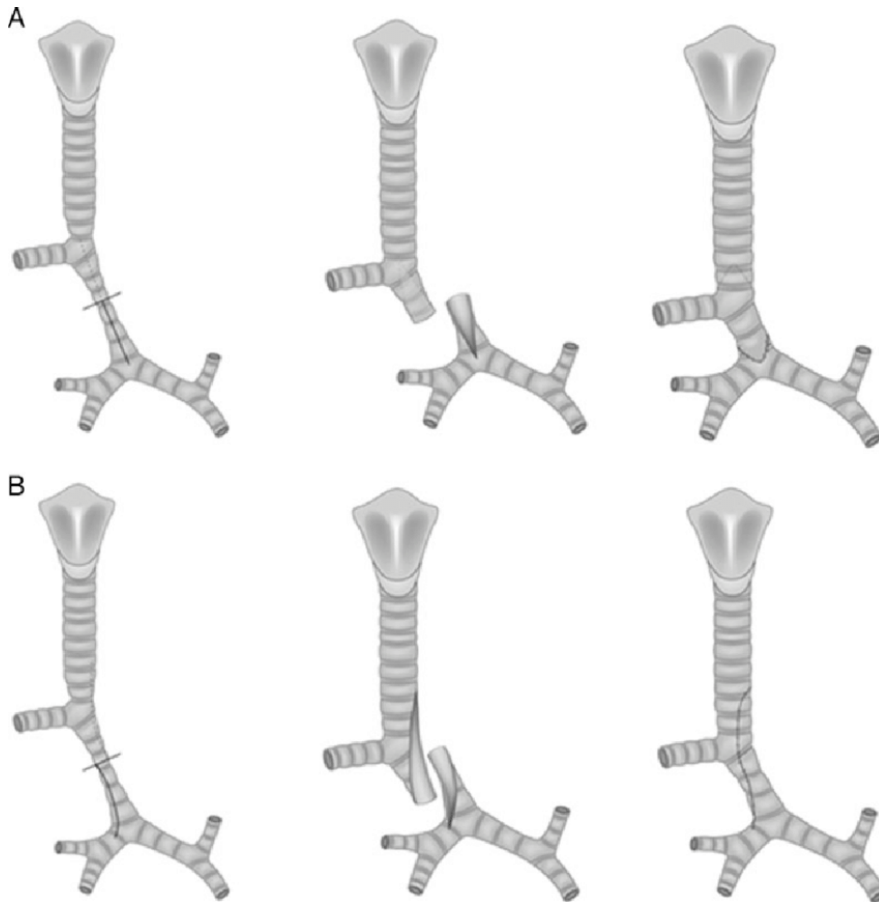
# Patch plasty

- Which material?
- Support
- Infection
- Necrosis
- Malacia

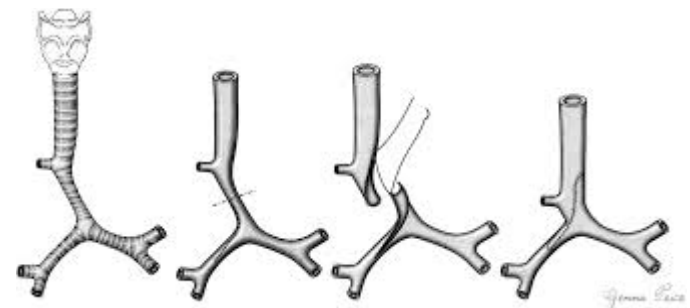
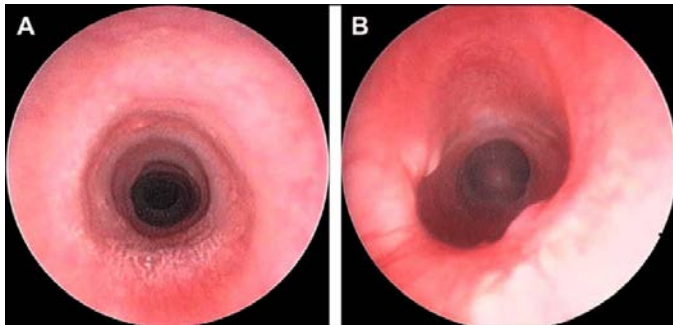
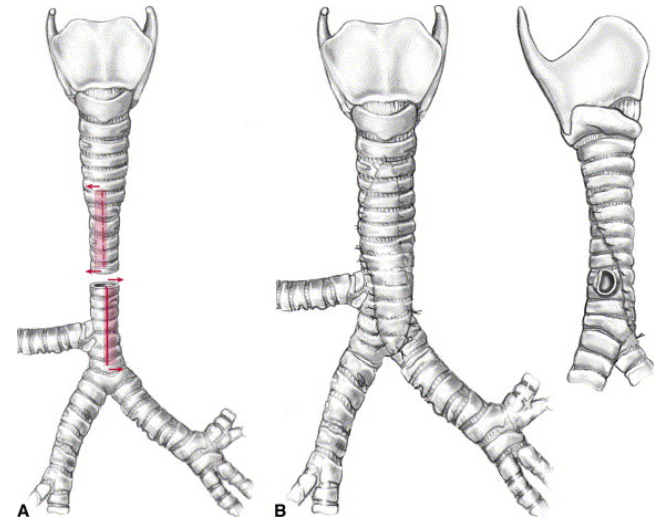
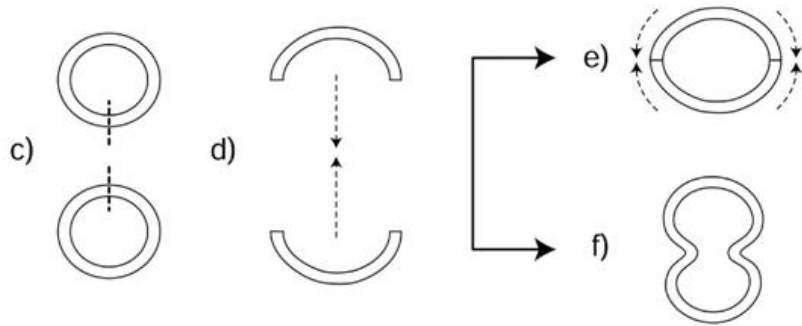
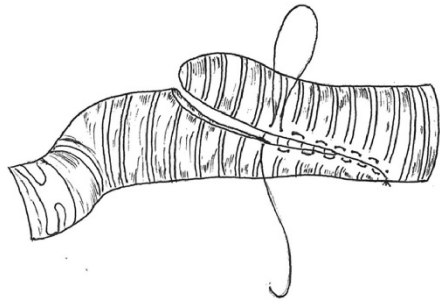


# Sliding Tracheoplasty

- Most used Technique
- Long segments
- Combination with patch
- Challenging cases



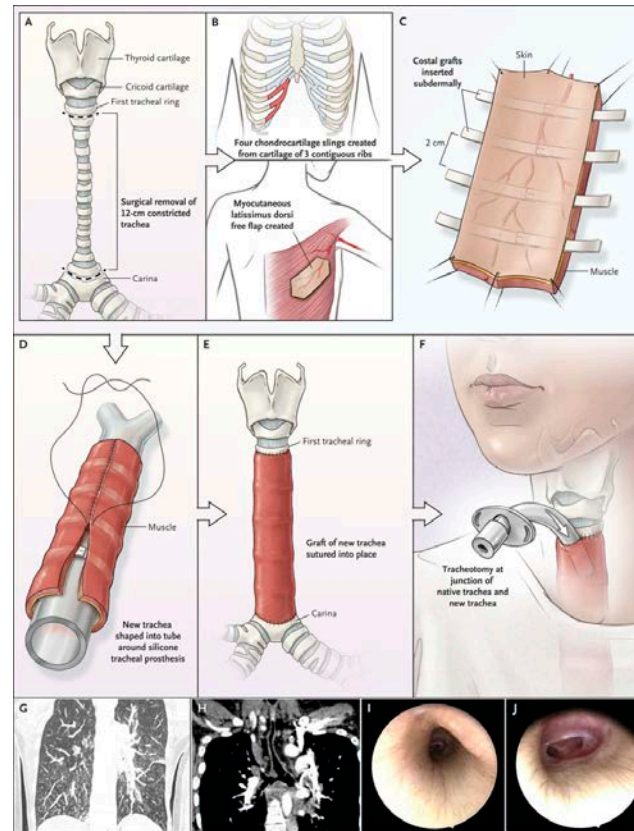
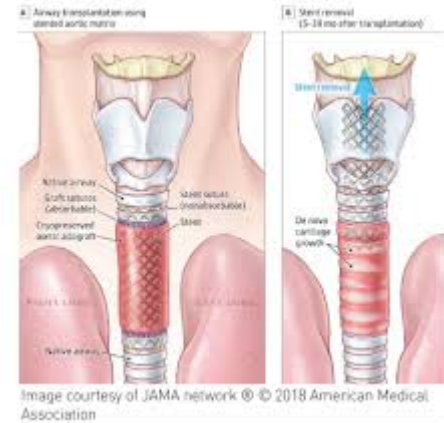
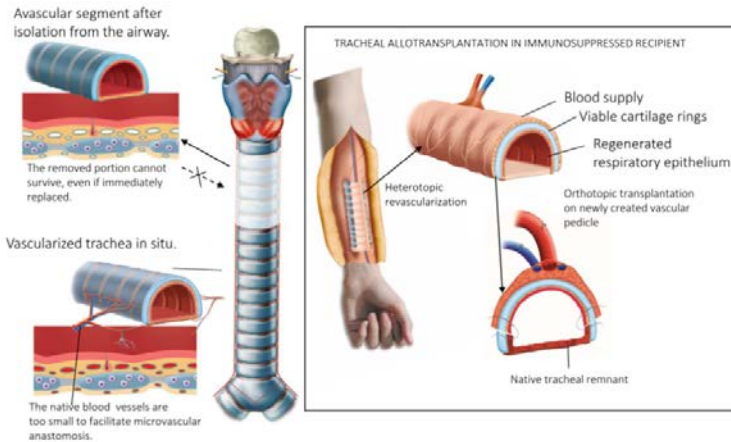
# Sliding tracheoplasty



# Graft Interposition

- Allograft vessel
- Cartilage graft
- Tracheal transplantation
  - Vascularization
  - Outgrowth
  - Sputum transport

The trachea: one of the most complex organs to transplant

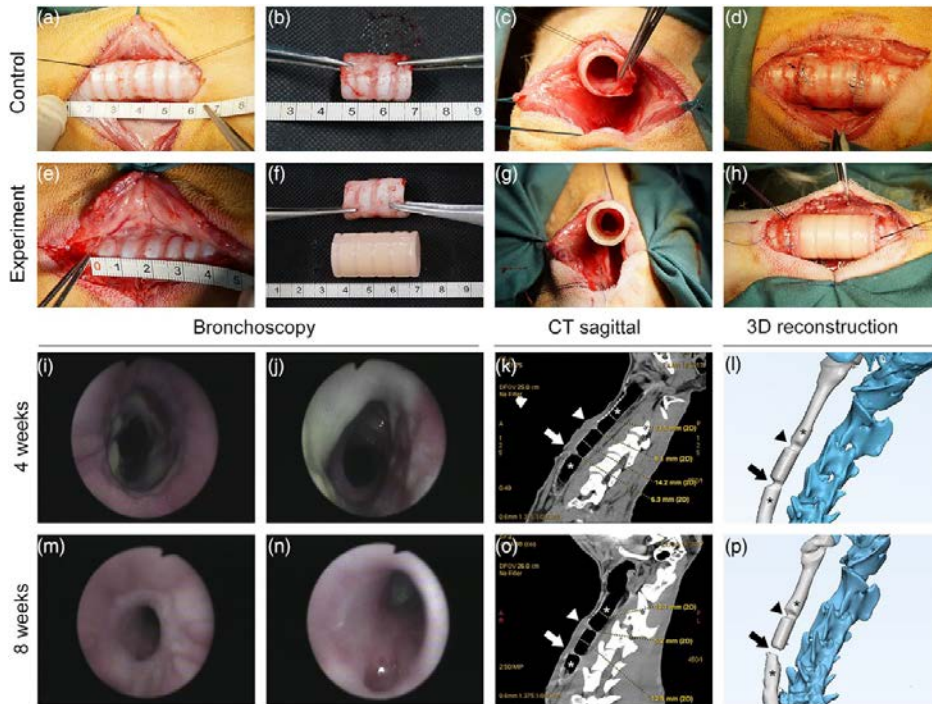


# Tissue engineering

## Tissue-engineered trachea from a 3D-printed scaffold enhances whole-segment tracheal repair in a goat model

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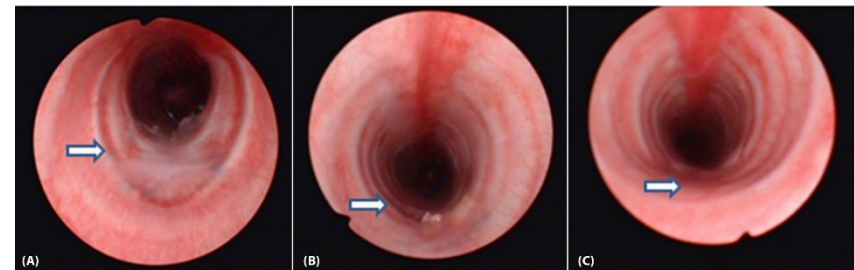
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## Pig tracheal patchy xenotransplantation in the dog

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# Tracheal Stenting

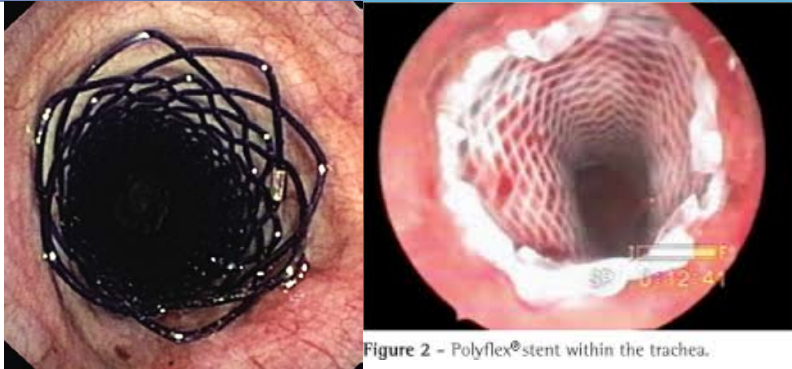
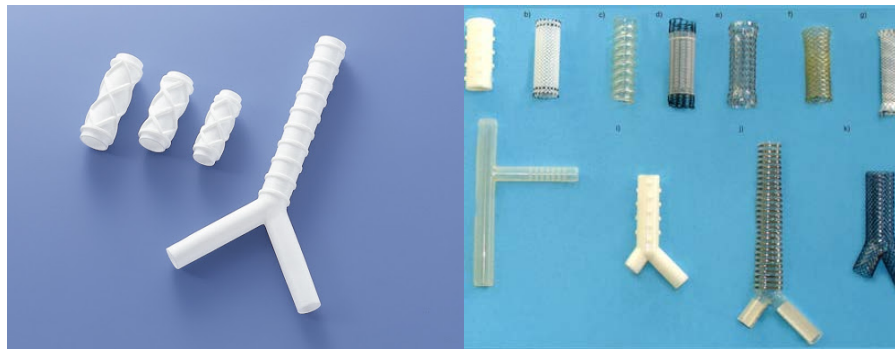
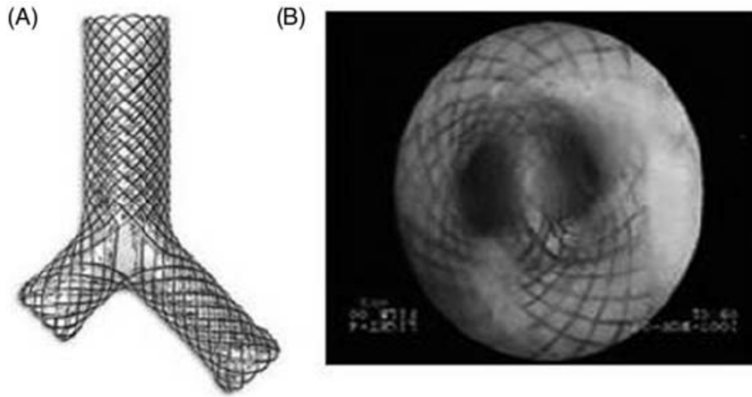
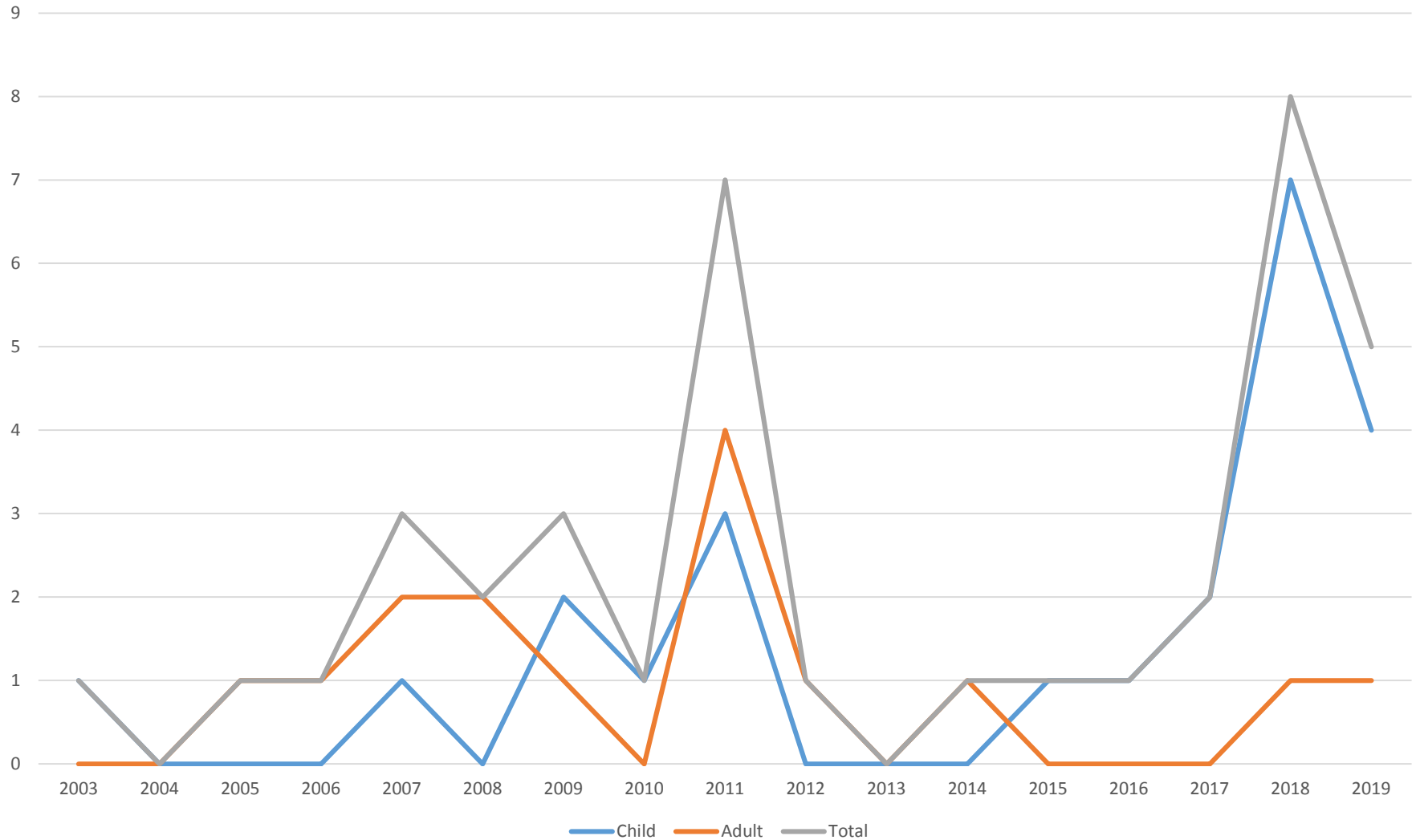


Figure 2 - Polyflex®stent within the trachea.

- Different types of stents
  - Metal
  - Silicon
  - Biodegradable
  - Self-expanding
- Outgrowth in children
- Necrosis
- Migration
- Infection
- Complementary to other techniques
- Bail out

# Tracheal Reconstruction in Rotterdam



# Results

- 31 Patients 33 Procedures
  - Male 19
  - Children 18
  - Median age 8y
- Surgery
  - Partial resection 2
  - Patch plasty 2
  - End-to-end anastomosis 27
    - Sliding plasty 15
    - ECC needed 18
- Survival 94%
  - Complications 35%



# Literature

- Postoperative mortality 6-14%
- Frequent balloondilation
- Bad outcome in bronchus stenosis, preop ECMO and preop malacia
- Quality of life comparable with controls
- Prolonged ventilation related to concomitant procedures, age and weight
- Hospital stay associated with preop ventilation and smaller airways
- Stenting bail out option

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## Quality of life can be good after slide tracheoplasty for long-segment tracheal stenosis

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**Key question**

How good is the health-related quality of life (HRQoL) of children with repaired long-segment tracheal stenosis (LSTS)?

**Key finding(s)**

Mean scores did not differ from those of healthy norms. Non-cardiac comorbidities were associated with lower scores.

**Take-home message**

Children with repaired LSTS can have excellent HRQoL but non-cardiac comorbidities are a risk factor for poorer outcome.

**Abstract**

**OBJECTIVES:** The objectives of this study were to measure 'health-related quality of life' (HRQoL) in children following slide tracheoplasty for long-segment tracheal stenosis (LSTS) and to explore the relationship of comorbidities and parental mental health with HRQoL outcomes.

**METHODS:** A cross-sectional study was undertaken with children who had undergone slide tracheoplasty. Participants included parents and children (age 5–15 years) recruited over a 13-month period, who were asked to complete validated measures of HRQoL, development and behaviour. Scores were compared to published norms.

**RESULTS:** Forty-two children (male 69%; n = 29) were included; mean age was 5.3 (standard deviation 3.5) years and mean follow-up was 45 (range 4–179) months. Mean total HRQoL scores for children with repaired LSTS did not differ from those of healthy norms other than for children aged 13–23 months, but 10 children (24%) had scores >2 SD below the mean for healthy children. HRQoL was poorer in children with non-cardiac congenital comorbidities than in those with isolated LSTS (mean scores 60.34 ± 17.19 and 85.52 ± 12.19, respectively, P = 0.01). There was good agreement between children's and parents' scores, although children rated their HRQoL as better than their parents did. Anxious parents rated their children's HRQoL as significantly worse than non-

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# Summery

- Complete rings are rare but challenging
- Check for associated lesions and genetics
- Teamwork is needed, ENT, pulmonologist, pediatric cardiology, imaging, general surgery, ECMO, etc
- Sliding tracheoplasty best option also for long segment lesions
- Stenting sometimes necessary, restrictive in children
- Building experience by concentrating cases to dedicated teams
- Thank you!