

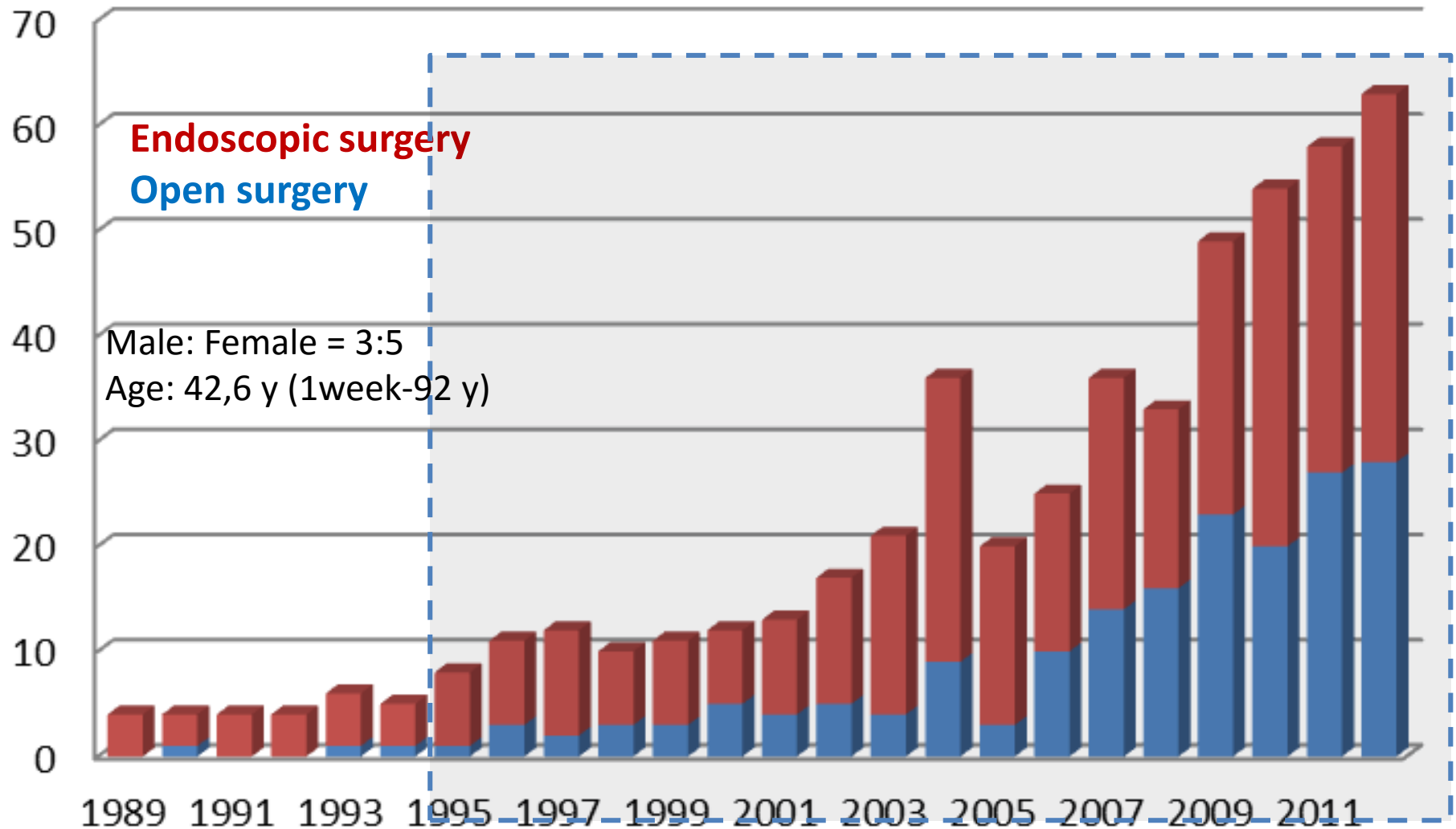


THE ROLE OF LASER SURGERY IN THE TREATMENT OF UPPER AIRWAY STENOSES

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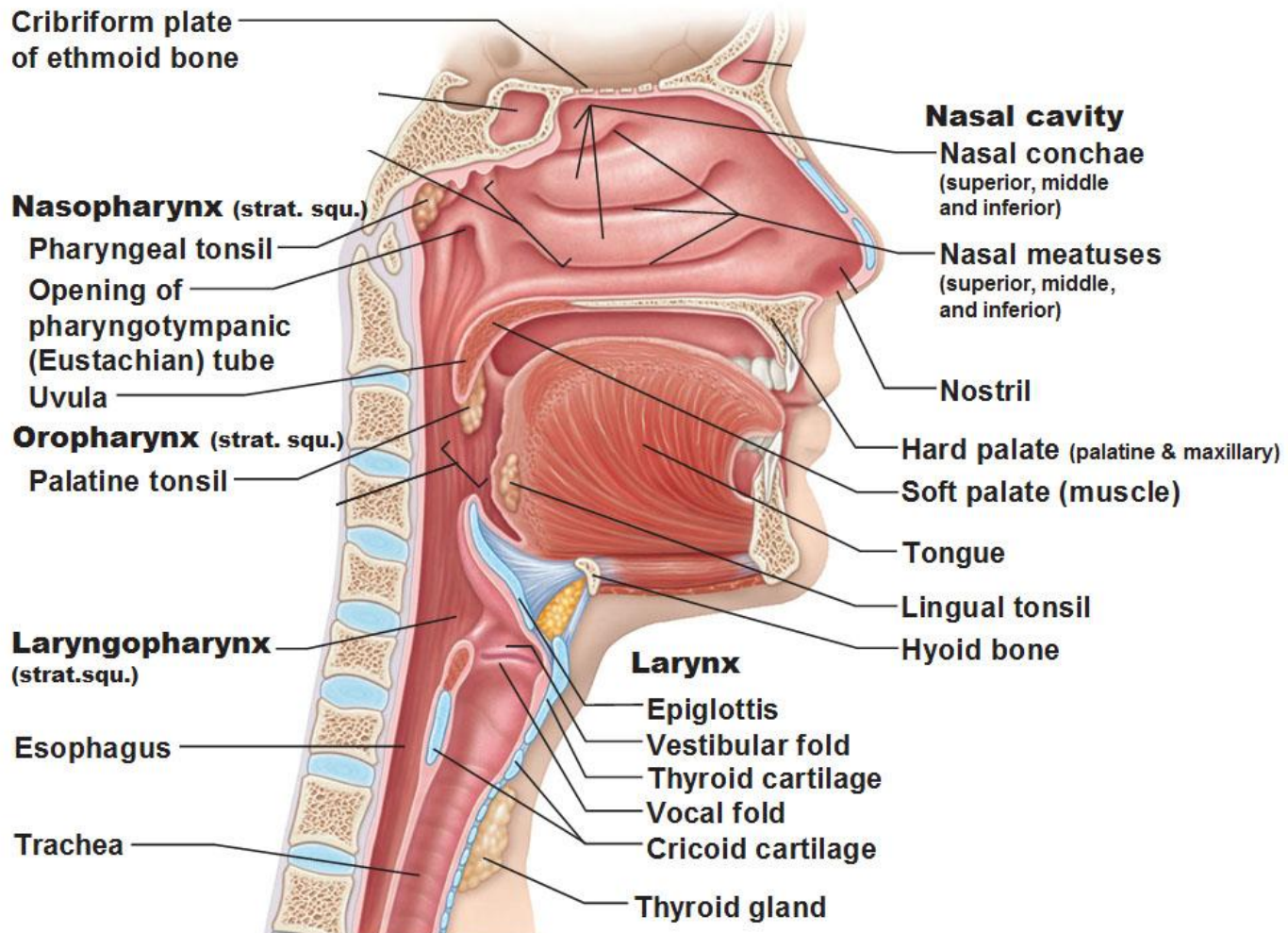
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Upper airway stenoses (n=516)

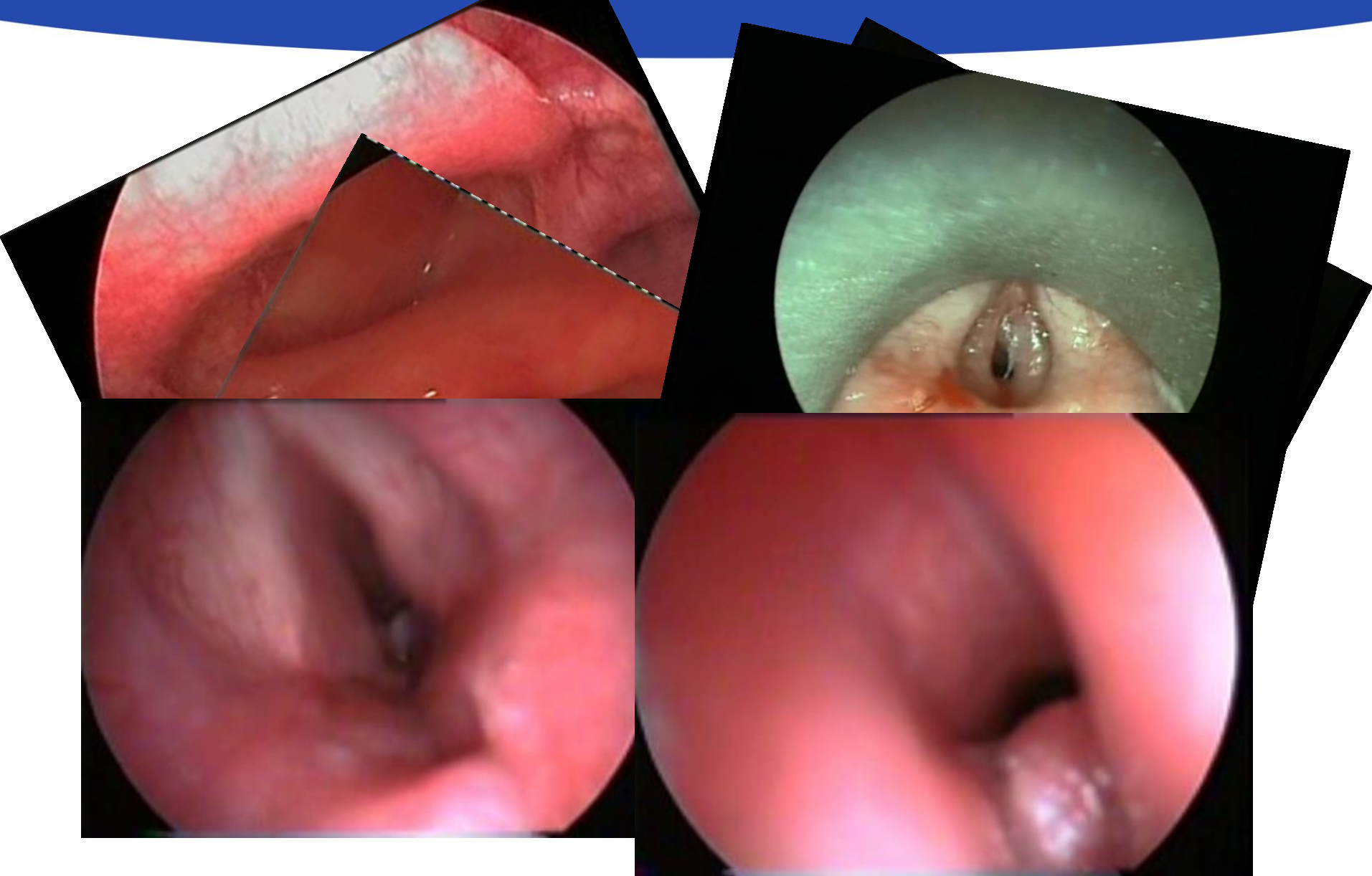


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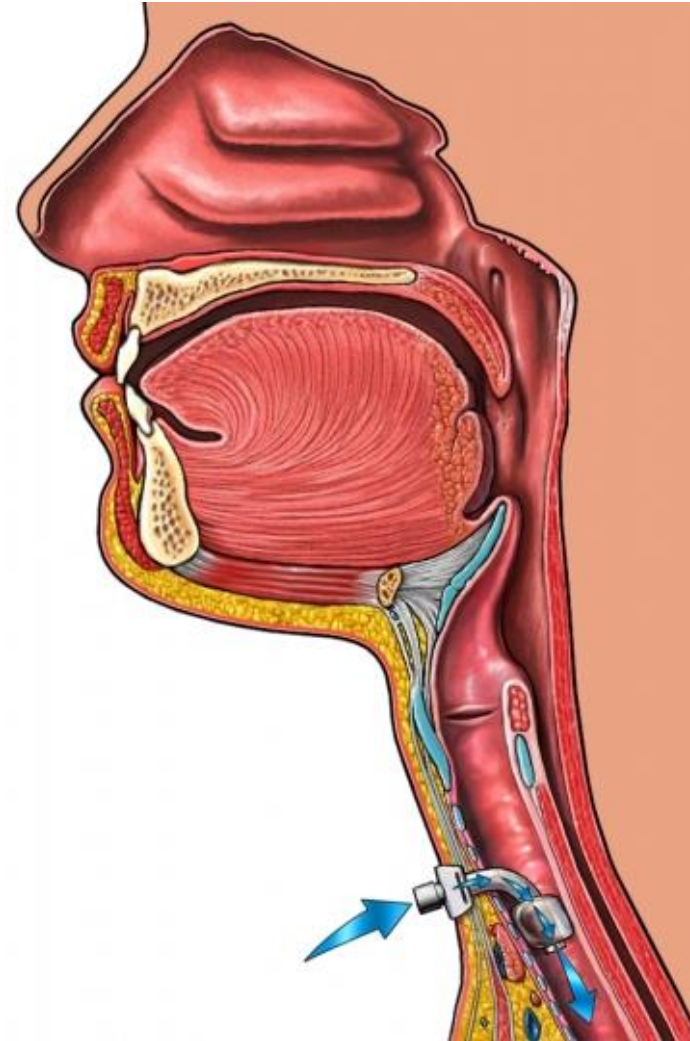
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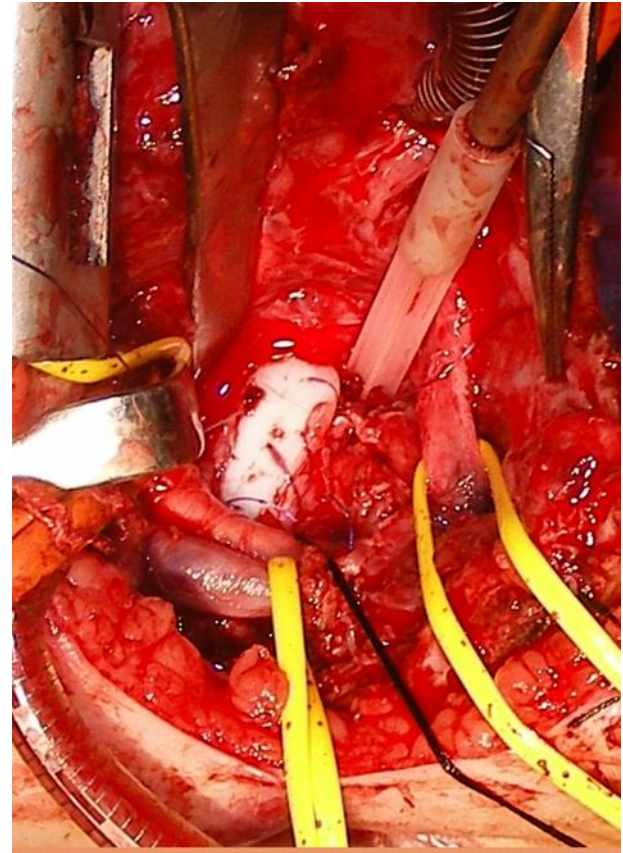
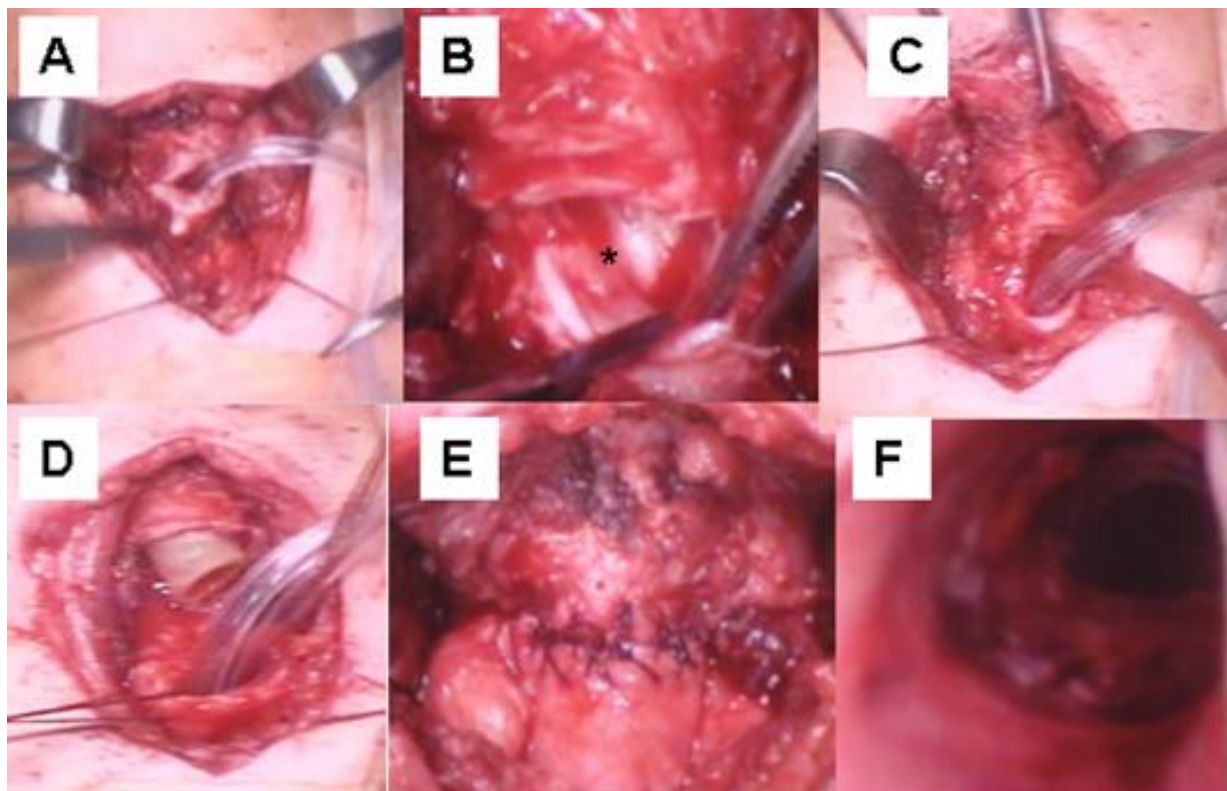
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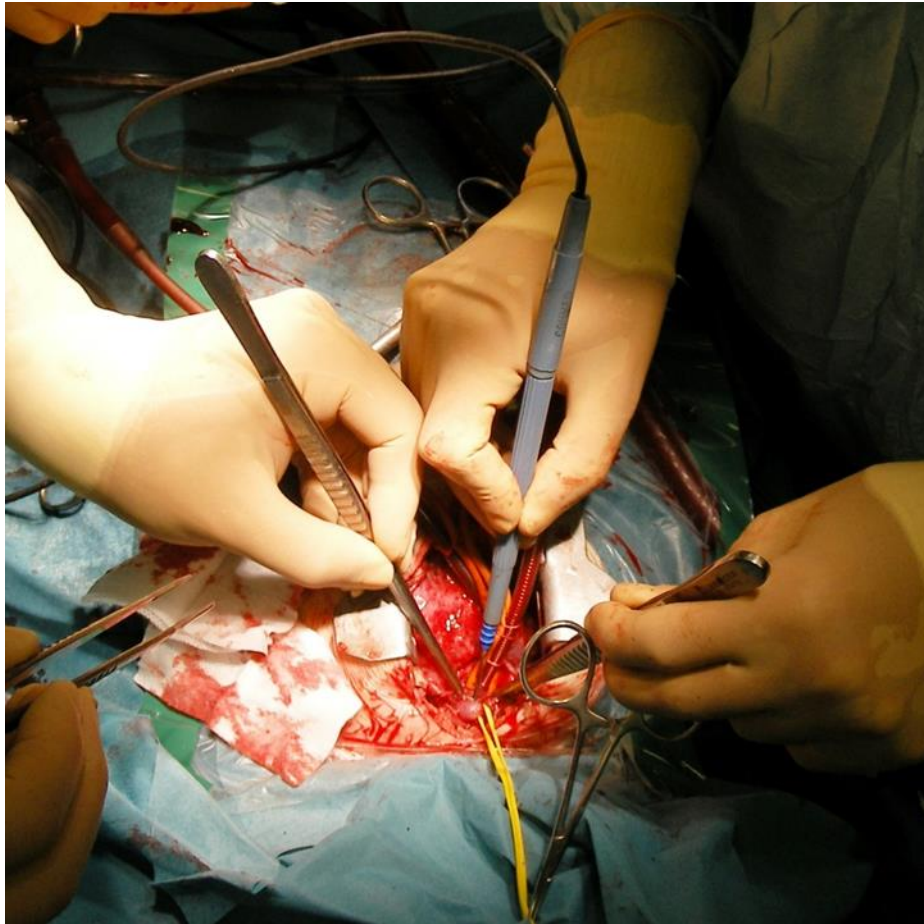
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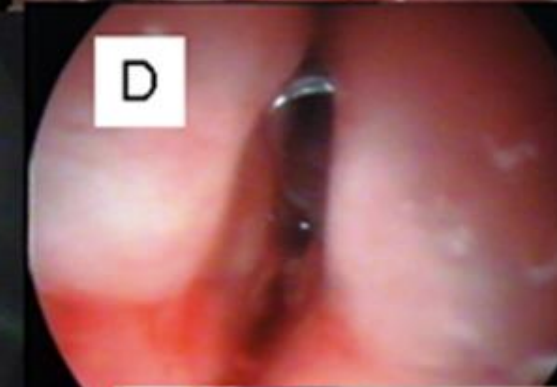
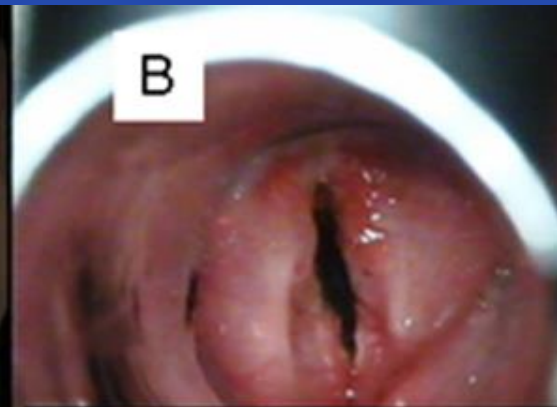


OPEN SURGERY



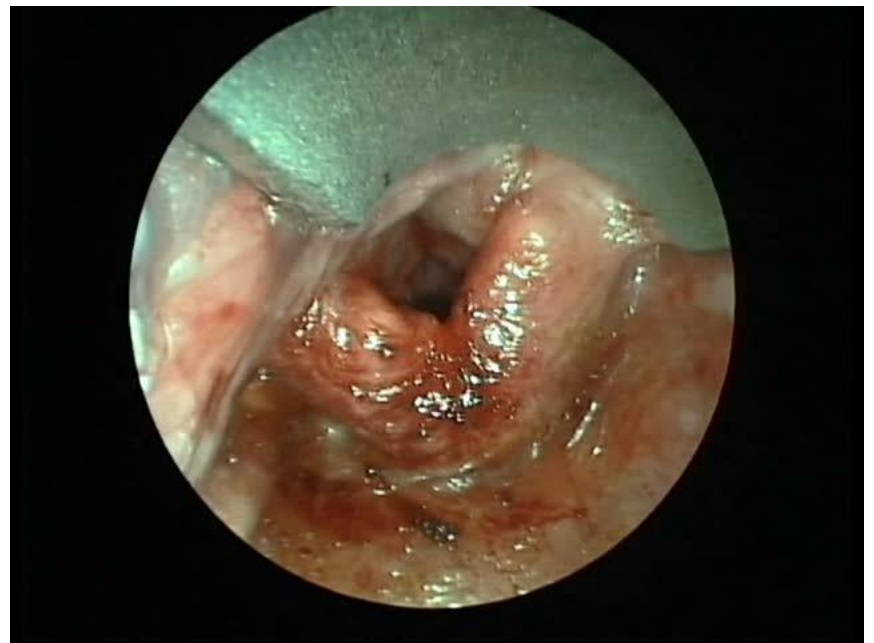
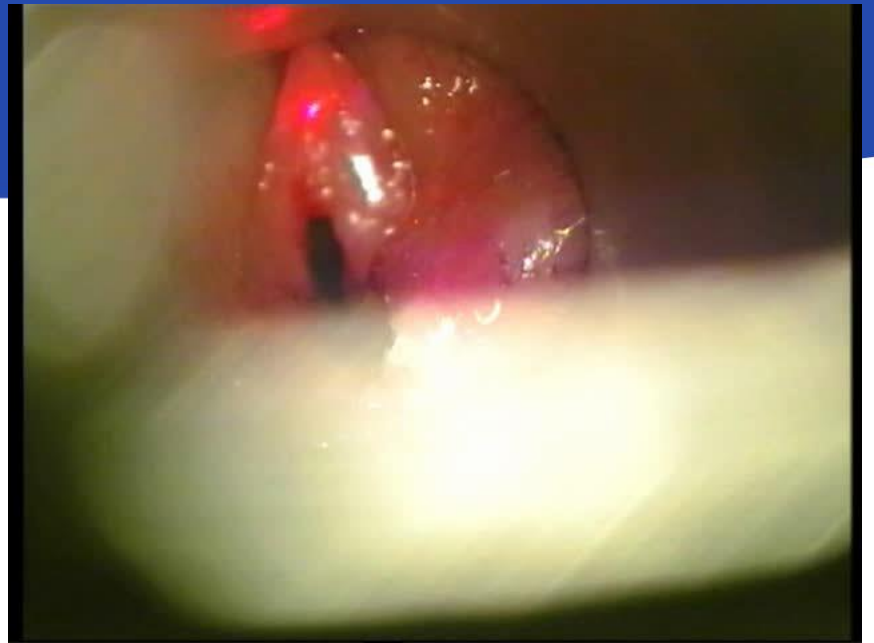
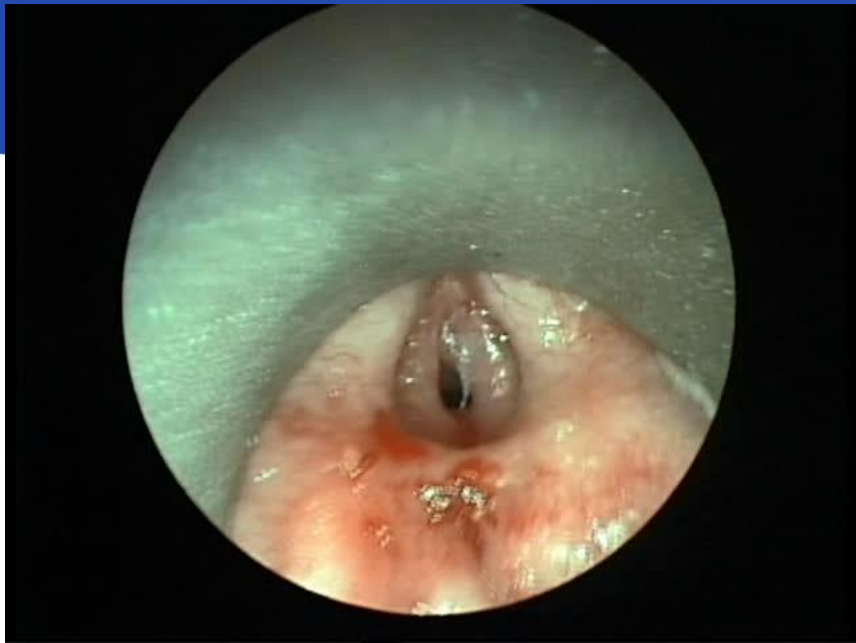
MINIMALLY INVASIVE ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY





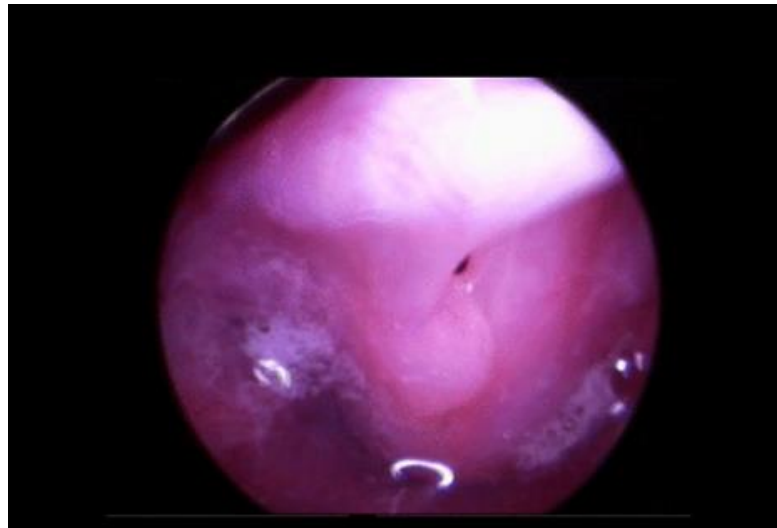
POSTERIOR GLOTTIC STENOSIS

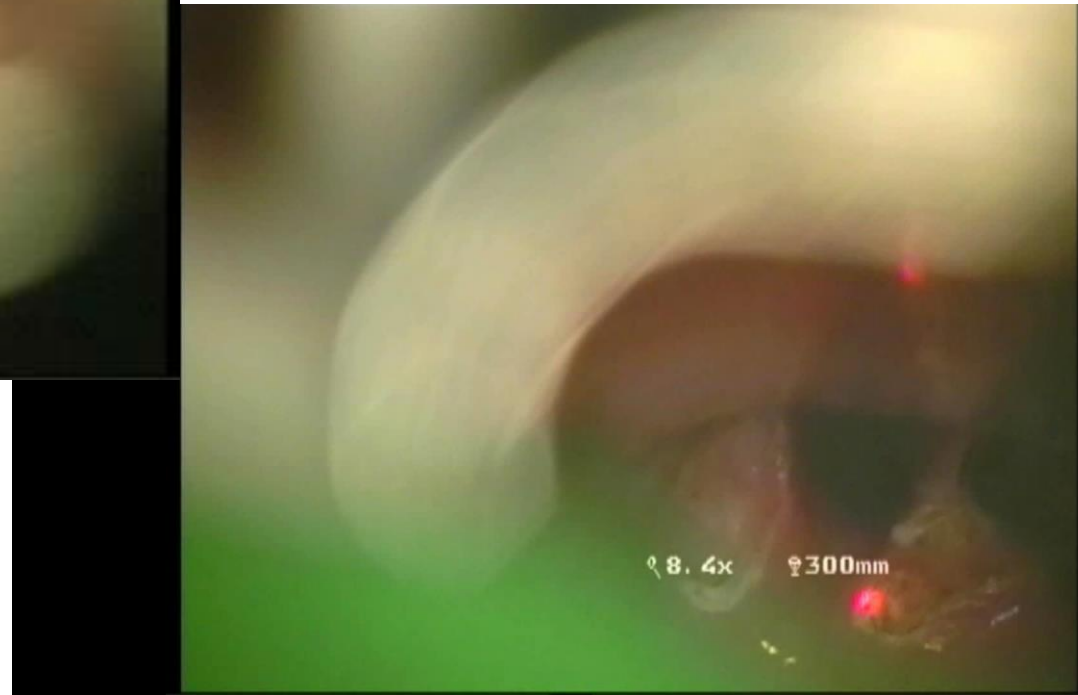






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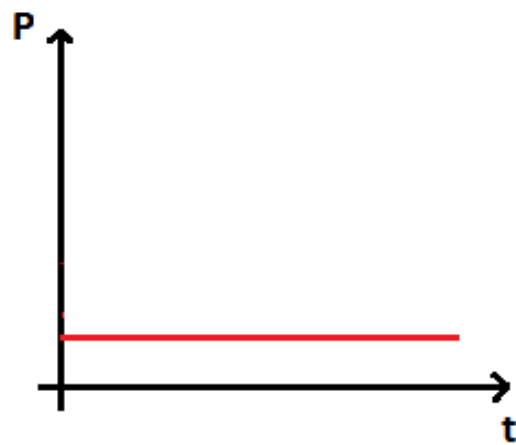


Continuous CO₂ laser vs UDP laser

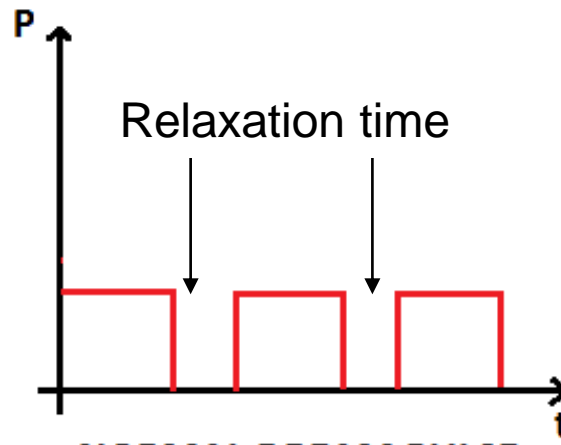
CONTINUOUS CO₂ LASER VS UDP LASER

This recently new mode accompanied with micro-spot technique has been introduced to reduce thermal tissue damage and minimize the necrotic zone. Setting of relaxation time decreases thermal spread by allowing the surrounding heated tissues to cool down.

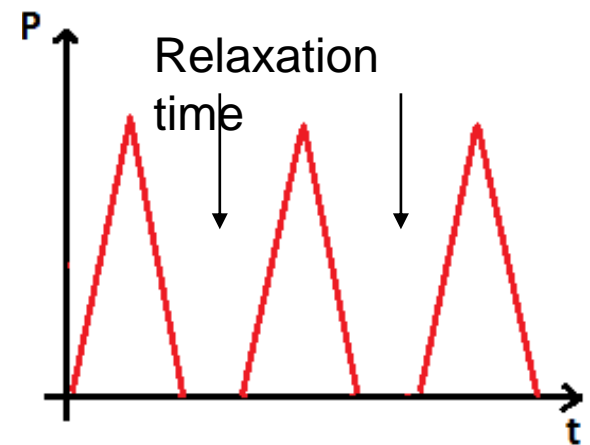
High Peak Power and Less Tissue Damage



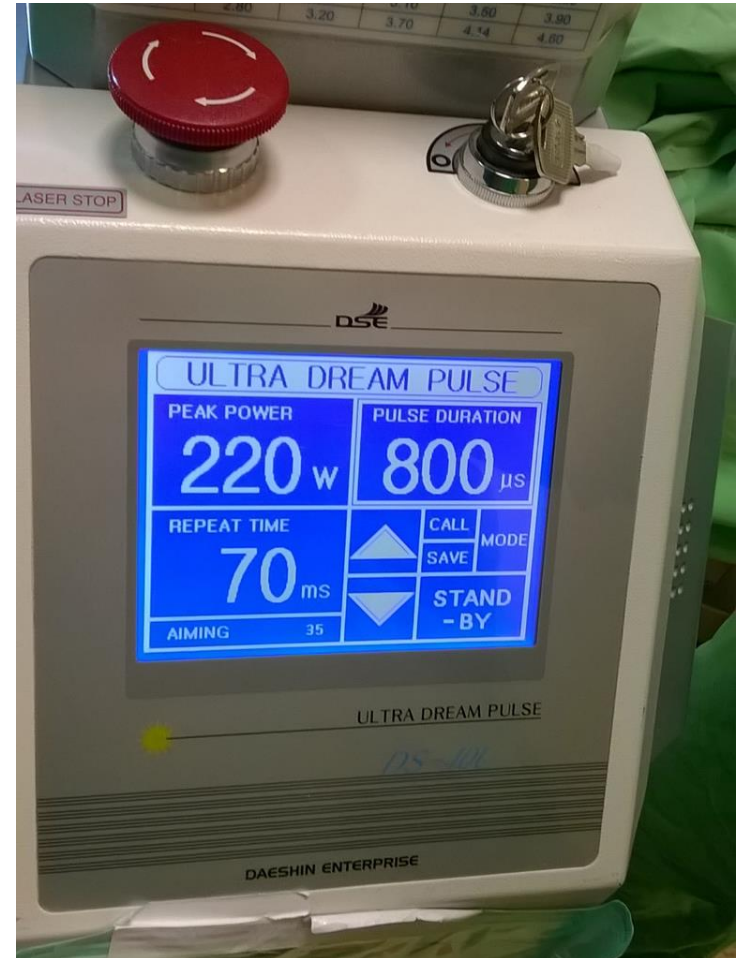
CONTINUOUS WAVE



NORMAL DWEIL PULSE



ULTRA DWEIL PULSE



CONCLUSIONS

- Traditionally transoral surgery played only a limited, secondary role in the treatment of upper airway stenoses.
- New, effective minimally invasive methods were introduced that could preserve patients' QoL.
- Modern UDP-laser technique may extend indications (decrease postop. re-stenosis)
- Combination of endoscopic methods (Mitomycin-C, transoral stents,e.g.)