

BLA LARYNGOLOGY PROCEDURES PRIORITISATION (ADULT)

Priority 1a (emergency)

- Tracheostomy for airway obstruction due to tumour/stenosis/bilateral VF paralysis
- Endoscopic management of other urgent airway emergency such as foreign body, severe stenosis or complications of intubation

Priority 1b (urgent)

- ML (+/- laser) debulking of tumour
- ML (+/- laser)/panendoscopy and biopsy of suspected cancer
- Vocal cord medialisation for severe aspiration

Priority 2 (surgery can be deferred up to 4 weeks)

- ML laser resection of early laryngeal cancer
- dilatation of pharyngeal/oesophageal strictures
- Endoscopic treatment of non-life threatening airway stenosis

Priority 3 (surgery that can be delayed for up to 3 months)

- ML and papilloma resection (laser/microdebrider/coblation/steel)
- Endoscopic treatment of pharyngeal pouch with severe dysphagia

Priority 4 (surgery that can be delayed more than 3 months)

- ML for benign VF lesions e.g. polyp/cyst/ectasia
- laryngeal framework surgery (thyroplasty) (unless significant aspiration)
- ML and medialisation injection (or indeed injections under LA)
- Routine procedures for pharyngeal pouch
- Routine transnasal oesophagocopy