

## UK Clinical Voice Center

### ***What is the UK Clinical Voice Center?***

The UK Clinical Voice Center provides state-of-the-art diagnostic evaluation, treatment and management of conditions related to hoarseness, difficulty in swallowing (dysphagia), shortness of breath, speech, and other voice and airway disorders. Our multidisciplinary team includes speech-language pathologists and otolaryngologists with a specialization in the area of voice.

### ***What problems does the Clinical Voice Center treat?***

The Clinical Voice Center provides comprehensive and state-of-the-art services for individuals of all ages, from newborns to senior citizens.

The conditions treated include:

- Hoarseness
- Vocal nodules, cysts and polyps
- Vocal fold paralysis
- Vocal fold cancer
- Vocal fold papilloma
- Spasmodic dysphonia
- Muscle tension dysphonia
- Shortness of breath
- Vocal cord dysfunction
- Paradoxical vocal fold motion

- Chronic cough and/or chronic throat clearing
- Cleft lip and palate
- Difficulty swallowing (dysphagia)
- Speech difficulty stemming from Parkinson's disease (using the Lee Silverman Voice Therapy)

### ***State-of-the-art procedures***

The Clinical Voice Center is equipped with leading-edge technology for the assessment and treatment of voice and airway disorders.

Procedures used include:

- Comprehensive voice assessment
- Stroboscopy
- High-speed digital endoscopy
- Flexible fiberoptic examination of vocal folds and airway
- Computerized voice and speech acoustic assessment
- Quantitative assessment of breathing function for voice
- Flexible nasendoscopy for assessment of velopharyngeal function
- Nasometry
- Fiberoptic endoscopic examination of swallowing (FEES)
- Modified barium swallow study
- Laryngeal electromyography (EMG)

## ***About the center***

The UK Clinical Voice Center began in 2008 as a result of years of research in vocal disorders. Until the center was opened by the UK College of Health Sciences, patients with voice problems or concerns had to travel out of state to seek care. Now a multidisciplinary team of dedicated clinicians, researchers, physicians, professors and specialists can treat even the most complex voice disorders in a location that is close to home for many Kentuckians. Eventually, the center plans to utilize telemedicine to extend the reach of the center across the state.

The Clinical Voice Center is located in the Kentucky Clinic, Third Floor, Wing C, Room B317. To make an appointment, call **859-257-0143**.

## ***Learn more***

To find out more about the UK Clinical Voice Center, call toll free **1-800-333-8874** or visit us online at **[www.ukhealthcare.uky.edu/ent/voice.htm](http://www.ukhealthcare.uky.edu/ent/voice.htm)**.



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