
Learning Objectives

MedBridge

Pharyngo-Esophageal Relationships

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, learners will be able to

- Identify the basics of the upper esophageal sphincter (UES) and its mechanics
- Recognize how the stages of swallow interact and why they should be thought of interdependent stages
- Demonstrate the close relationship between apnic period, laryngeal closure, and UES opening
- Apply the basics of esophageal-based disorders towards an application of how they might affect their evaluation procedures of disorders of the upper esophageal sphincter
- Differentiate between disorders above, within, and below the upper esophageal sphincter that may be causative underlying symptoms of dysphagia