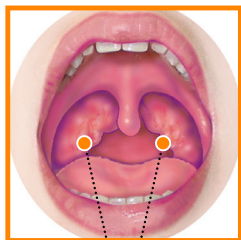
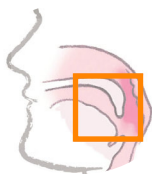
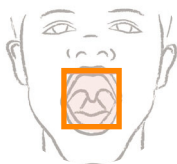




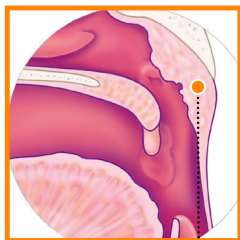
A minimally invasive alternative to surgically reduce enlarged tonsils



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Adenoids

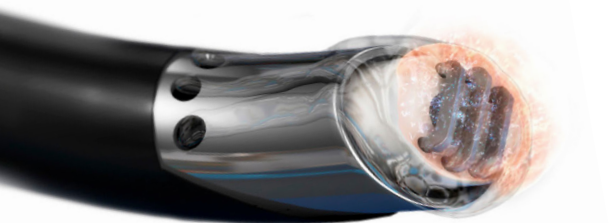
Tonsils and adenoids are fleshy masses of lymphatic tissue that help fight off illness and infection. The tonsils are located on both sides of the throat, and the adenoid is located in the back of the throat, behind the nose. They help trap bacteria and viruses as we breathe. In some patients, the tonsils and adenoids may need to be removed surgically.

Now there is an alternative way to remove the tonsils and adenoids

Unlike a traditional surgical knife or “electrocautery” (heat) procedure, tonsillectomy and/or adenoidectomy using COBLATION® Plasma Technology can be used to reduce the size of your tonsils and remove your adenoids with little harm to surrounding healthy tissue.

What is COBLATION Technology?

COBLATION Technology utilizes radiofrequency energy to remove tissue. Because the COBLATION process is not a heat-driven process, surrounding healthy tissue is preserved.



How is tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy using COBLATION[®] Technology performed?

This surgery is almost always done under general anesthesia and it only lasts about 30 minutes.

The surgeon uses a special handpiece which utilizes radiofrequency energy to reduce the tonsil tissue and remove the adenoids in a near bloodless fashion. Most patients can go home the same day.

After the procedure

When you leave the hospital, you may get a prescription for pain medication and antibiotics to help fight infections. You generally:

- would rest at home for a few days to a week.
- would avoid rigorous physical activities for a week or two.
- may have some sore throat and a hard time swallowing for a few days.
- would find softer foods easier to eat and swallow but most food is OK.



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