



# Comprehensive Voice Program

The voice program at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center provides comprehensive medical and surgical treatment of patients with voice and swallowing disorders. Our expertise includes a broad range of disorders from hoarseness and injured voice to neurologic diseases of the head and neck.

## Scope of Expertise

- Evaluation of hoarseness
- Medical and surgical care for professional voice users
- Spasmodic dysphonia
- Vocal fold paralysis and paresis
- Neurologic diseases of the head and neck
- Diagnostic laryngeal electromyography (LEMG)
- Botulinum toxin injections with EMG guidance
- Extra-esophageal reflux
- Swallowing disorders
- Office-based diagnostic and therapeutic laryngeal surgery

A collaborative effort between Memorial Hermann-TMC and the new Texas Voice Performance Institute (TVPI) at The University of Texas Medical School at Houston, this comprehensive voice program has an academic mission that includes education and research. We offer our patients immediate access to multidisciplinary management expertise, including neurology, gastroenterology, pulmonology, speech pathology, medical oncology and radiation oncology.

A fellowship-trained laryngologist is available to consult on cases involving complex speech and swallowing disorders and neuro-laryngology issues, or to assume permanent management of cases. We team with referral sources to achieve the best outcome for each patient.

Patients also have access to new medical therapies and innovative devices and technology soon after their introduction. Those who qualify have the opportunity to participate in clinical trials of treatments not otherwise available.

## Office-Based Biopsies and Minor Surgeries

We are skilled at caring for patients who are considered poor candidates for general anesthesia due to physical condition. We can perform a variety of procedures on patients while awake to determine whether a need for further surgery under general anesthesia exists.

## Treatment and Collaboration

We are committed to innovation in the treatment of difficult voice and swallowing disorders and to close collaboration with referring otorhinolaryngologists, speech-language pathologists, voice teachers and neurologists. Once a diagnosis has been made, we have at our disposal the most advanced treatment options available, including state-of-the-art medical therapy and surgery. We use minimally invasive surgical techniques whenever possible. (over)

**Meet the Voice Program Director****Ronda E. Alexander, M.D.**

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**Specialty Interests:** Evaluation of hoarseness, management of the injured voice, spasmodic dysphonia and vocal tremor, vocal fold paralysis and weakness, neurologic diseases of the head and neck, office-based procedures of the larynx, extra-esophageal reflux and swallowing disorders

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