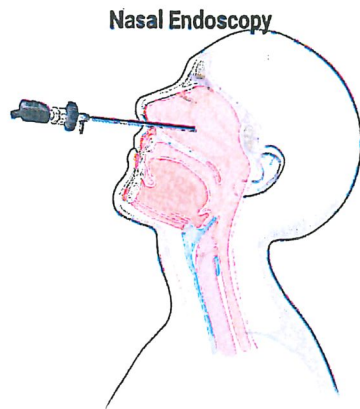
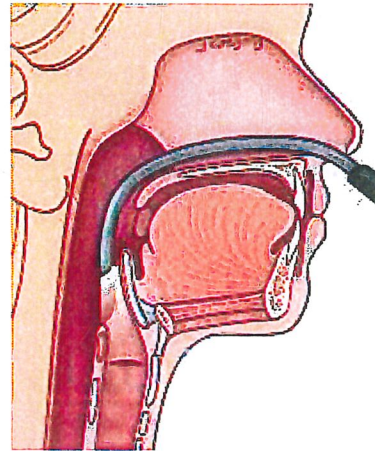


Endoscopy/Laryngoscopy



Nasal Endoscopy



Flexible Laryngoscopy

These are common and important diagnostic procedures that ENT providers utilize to help visualize difficult anatomy. These common endoscopy procedures are important diagnostic tools.

Clinical Responsibility

When the patient is appropriately prepped and anesthetized, the provider inserts a rigid or flexible endoscope in the nasal cavity. The provider will extend the scope along the floor of the nasal cavity into the nasopharynx. The provider examines the entire nasopharynx and then passes the scope between the middle and the inferior turbinates. The provider then repositions the head of the endoscope to an angle and advances it into the olfactory cleft to look for any polyps. If provider is evaluating the entire upper airway, they will continue to advance the scope to the level of the vocal cord before removing. The procedure is easy to execute and does not require any incision. The provider may perform the endoscopy on one of both sides.

According to The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) a surgical procedure is defined as:

Surgical and other invasive procedures and defined as operative procedures in which skin or mucous membranes and connective tissue are incised **or an instrument is introduced through a natural body orifice**. Invasive procedures include a range of procedures from minimally invasive dermatological procedures (biopsy, excision, and deep cryotherapy for malignant lesions) to extensive multi-organ transplantation. **They include all procedures described by the codes in the surgery section of the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)** and other invasive procedures such as percutaneous transluminal angioplasty and cardiac catheterization. They include minimally invasive procedures involving biopsies or placement of probes or catheters requiring the entry into a body cavity through a needle or trocar.

If your condition requires an endoscopy/laryngoscopy you may be responsible for any charges that exceed the maximum allowable amount your insurance will pay for this exam.

I have read and fully understand

Responsible Party (Please Print Name) _____

Sign and Date _____