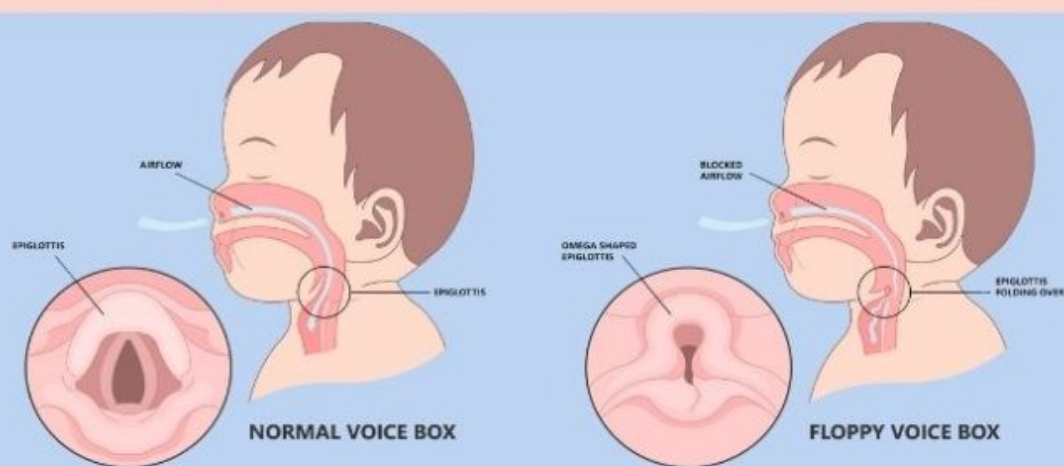


CAUSES, SYMPTOMS, AND TREATMENT OF LARYNGOMALACIA IN BABIES

CAUSE



The laryngeal tissue is malformed and partially blocks the airways. Low muscle tone in the upper respiratory tract is a factor. The exact cause is unknown.

SYMPTOMS



Noisy wheezing with a high-pitched sound



Increased wheezing when crying, feeding, or sleeping on the back



Pulling in of the skin at the collar bone



Nose flaring

TREATMENT



Most cases resolve by 18 to 20 months of age



Severe cases may require medications or surgery



Surgery is advised if there are life-threatening complications, such as poor respiration or heart and lung issues

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