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**Pre-Operative Laryngectomy Preparation for Post-Operative Care:** Patients who are about to undergo a laryngectomy may become overwhelmed by the physical changes the surgery will cause, but speech-language pathologists can address many post-operative issues before the surgery by meeting with the patient for counseling. Patients must be trained in proper stoma care and hygiene and need to adjust to an immediate change in their ability to smell, which will be compromised or lost. They also need to be prepared to adjust to coughing out of the neck instead of the mouth and to expect secretions from the stoma. [ADVANCE 17(2): 6-9]

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