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Alaryngeal Speech: The speech-language pathologist's goal after a laryngectomy is to re-establish effective, efficient and functional communication. One of the techniques designed to help with post-surgical voice restoration is tracheoesophageal puncture (TEP). While not all laryngectomees are candidates for this procedure, it provides individuals with an option for alaryngeal speech that is more natural sounding and less labor-intensive than esophageal voice. [ADVANCE 16(30): 6-8]

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