

Is TLM Right for Me?

TLM is recommended for early stage cancers of the throat. It is recommended to be in good physical condition (no heart or lung disease) to undergo the general anesthesia.

Your physician can best advise you the treatment options for your specific case. Each procedure has specific advantages that can vary from one patient to another. Please consult with your physician if TLM is right for you.



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“Communication is an incredible thing to lose”

Jim Moore (former patient)

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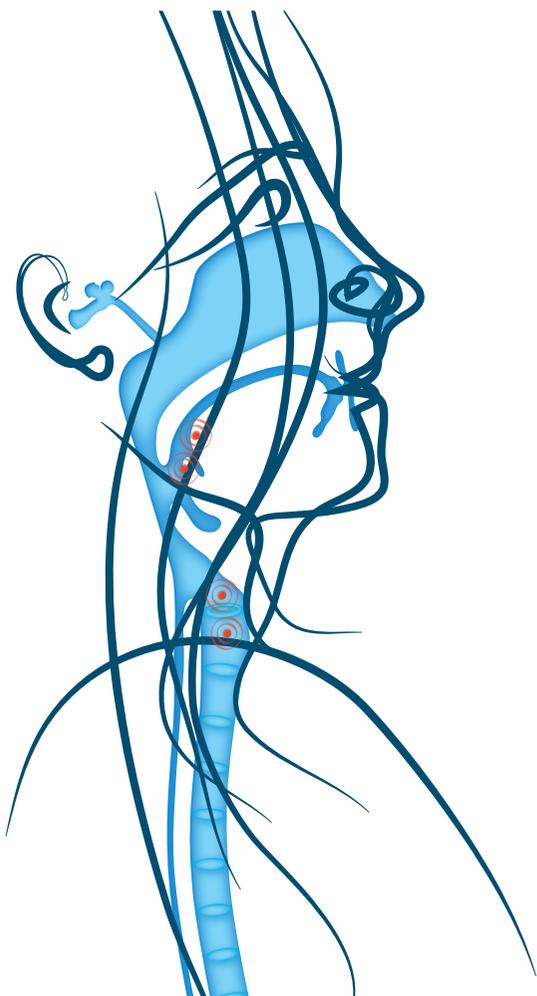
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What is Transoral Laser Microsurgery-TLM?

Transoral laser microsurgery (TLM) is a minimally invasive surgery used for early-stage throat cancer. The surgeon uses an endoscope and microscope to visualize the tumor and a CO₂ laser to remove the tumor, without external cutting or exposing the patient to radiation.

TLM can be used to treat tumors of the throat (pharynx), voice box (larynx), tonsils, base of the tongue, and the region where the voice box and esophagus meet (hypopharynx).



Why Choose TLM?

- Preservation of speech, swallowing and breathing functions
- Faster and easier recovery with a rapid return to normal activities
- Reduced swelling and a lower risk of infection compared to invasive surgery
- Improvement in overall quality of life
- Lower risk of side effects, compared to invasive surgery
- Treatment can be repeated if required
- Results are equal or superior to radiation therapy

What is the Typical Recovery with TLM?

- Patients are typically in the hospital for only one to two days and are able to return to their normal activities within a week
- TLM has a post-surgical complication rate of less than 5%.
- Patients with more advanced cancers receiving radiotherapy typically have a hospital stay under one week

No Cutting, No Radiation. A Single Outpatient Procedure.

How does TLM Work?

This procedure uses endoscopic instruments and a microscope to view the tumor. A laser is used on the inside of the mouth without external incisions or radiation. Removal of the tumor in early stages can often treat the throat cancer successfully with a very high survival rate. One treatment session is often all that is needed and may vary depending on your individual circumstances. Additional treatments may be needed at a later time.

How TLM Compares with other Treatment Options?

Various options are available for treating throat cancer including TLM, surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy. Since TLM does not require external incisions, patients experience faster recovery time, less inflammation, and less pain. The long-term survival for TLM compares favorably to radiation and quality of life options. There is no risk of radiation side effects with TLM. Since TLM is usually performed as a single procedure via out patient, the overall treatment and recovery time is faster than radiation.