

# tracheotomy *(tra-che-ot-o-my)*

## Definition

n. a surgical operation that creates an opening into the trachea with a tube inserted to provide a passage for air; performed when the pharynx is obstructed by edema or cancer

## Example Sentence

She had to have a **tracheotomy** at the hospital.

## Synonyms

surgery on the trachea; trachea operation; operation on the trachea

## Antonyms

healthy pharynx

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