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**Atrium Health
Wake Forest Baptist**
Voice and Swallowing Center

Care for the performing voice



The performing voice requires expert understanding and specialized care. At Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Voice and Swallowing Center, we are the Triad's only multidisciplinary Voice Center in the region providing state of the art evaluation and treatment of the performing voice.

Illness, injury, or subtle changes may impact the speaking or singing voice. We are uniquely trained to diagnose these changes and develop an individualized treatment plan to help you achieve optimal vocal recovery. Our team understands the demands of the performing voice and its vital role in your livelihood, your identity, and your artistic integrity.

Specialized Expertise

Our patients include professional actors, singers, instrumentalists, agents, stage producers, directors, narrators, public speakers, and professional voice users across varying performing art mediums. Symptoms of a voice disorder may include: hoarseness/raspieness, changes to singing voice quality, range, stamina, or control in registers, increased effort in singing or speaking, vocal fatigue, voice loss, throat discomfort or pain, and chronic throat clearing.

Our Team

We are a team of highly specialized laryngologists, Dr. Lyndsay Madden and Dr. Carter Wright – ear, nose and throat (ENT) physicians with advanced fellowship medical training in voice disorders. Our team also includes clinical singing and speaking voice specialists, Annalize Sussman, Amy Morris, and Kathryn Ruckart—speech language pathologists with extensive training in professional singing and the performing voice. As a collaborative medical team, we bring excellence, compassion, and a performer's perspective to meet your unique needs and return you to the stage.



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Appointments

We will work quickly to schedule your voice evaluation and care the same day.

Let us know you are a performer with immediate voice demands.

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Steven Tanger Center**

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What to Expect

During your visit, expect to be evaluated jointly by a laryngologist and clinical singing voice specialist. This exam will include a video laryngostroboscopy. This high definition, cutting edge instrument allows for a detailed examination of your larynx (voice box) and vocal folds. The camera scope is attached to a stroboscopic light source that is inserted through the nose or mouth which then enables us to capture a slow-motion video of your vocal folds when speaking and singing. The exam will allow us to accurately diagnose lesions, muscle strain, glottic insufficiency of vocal folds, stiffness or scar, subtle changes to the vocal fold tissue, and vocal mechanics during voicing.

This in-office procedure takes 1-2 minutes and does not require any preparation on your part. Our team will record the exam and review the findings with you during your visit. Video laryngostroboscopy and accurate interpretation of the exam by our highly specialized team is a vital component to identifying the causes of your voice problems and optimizing care in immediate next steps.



Continued Care

As an integrative and collaborative team, we will strive to assess your vocal quality, vocal longevity, and efficiency of voice use in the context of your vocal demands and vocal diagnosis. This may also include managing of acid reflux, allergies, and asthma with referrals to other appropriate medical providers. As your show departs the Tanger Center, we will work diligently to connect you with trusted laryngologists and clinical voice specialists across the country to ensure ongoing care in your rehabilitative journey.

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