

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LARYNGECTOMEES CLUB

Serving the Greater Metropolitan Washington, DC Area

110 Michigan Avenue

Washington, DC 20010

Member International Association of Laryngectomees

Affiliated with the Washington Hospital Center

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The **District of Columbia Laryngectomee Club (DCLC)** is a support group for people who have lost, or will lose, their natural voice due to surgery because of cancer and /or other causes. To most of us this experience is traumatic, and we may be left with a feeling of helplessness because we are unable to speak. After a time we realize that life goes on and we can achieve oral communication through alternative methods. Past experience shows that by meeting with a future laryngectomee prior to surgery, much of the anxiety can be relieved.

The **District of Columbia Laryngectomee Club** is here to assist you. Our members and associate members pool their knowledge and experiences to help others achieve the best alternative speech (a new voice) that is possible. We try to keep abreast of the new technology that is constantly evolving for speech improvement. In conjunction with the **Washington Hospital Center (WHC)** and the **International Association of Laryngectomees (IAL)**, we maintain an exchange of the medical and technological advances for providing help and services to all people who share the need for a new voice. We distribute helpful information to people in our area who have undergone a Laryngectomy. For more information go to the following page on the IAL Website:

http://www.larynxlink.com/Clubs/DC_Clubs.htm

The **District of Columbia Laryngectomee Club** cordially invites you to attend our meetings which are normally held from Noon to 1:30PM on the first Wednesday of each month. These meetings will be held at the **Washington Hospital Center Hearing and Speech Center**, which is located at **110 Irving St. NW Washington, DC 20010 in Room GA-102**. We believe you will find the "*caring and sharing*" of knowledge and experience at these meetings to be stimulating and informative. **A speech therapist will be present at each meeting** to answer questions about the three most common methods of speech available after this surgery. For additional information you may contact:

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The **District of Columbia Laryngectomee Club** members, associate members, and Speech Language Pathologists look forward to meeting you in person in the near future.