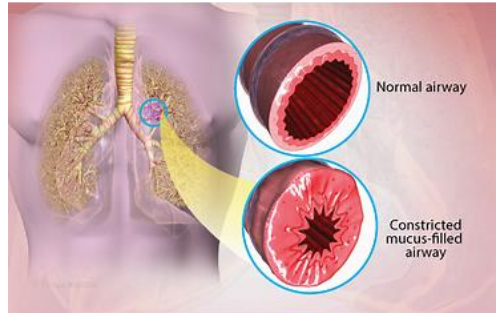


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This disease, which results from a cold, is one to which infants and small children are subject. It consists in an inflammation of the windpipe, and the formation thereby of a peculiar membrane which, in fatal cases, sloughs off and suffocates the child.



Symptoms.—At first, the child has ringing cough, such as accompanies a common cold. In a few hours there is a shrill whistling or crowing sound produced as the child draws in its breath after a spasmodic effort at coughing. If the inflammation is not speedily checked, the child dies of suffocation.

Treatment. — Apply cold compresses to the throat, using ice or ice water if it can be had without delay. If this is not successful, the child should be placed in a bath as hot as can be borne, and remain for from five to fifteen minutes according to its condition. On leaving the bath, ice, or ice water or cold water should be again applied to its throat continuously. Its feet and legs must be kept warm and its head cool. If the cold application does not check the difficulty in the course of an hour, apply the hot fomentation to the throat for ten minutes, then cold for five minutes. Repeat the process two or three times.