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## Pneumomediastinum Following Excision of Respiratory Papilloma

Dear Editor,

I congratulate Drs. Sims and Lertsburapa for directing our attention to a serious complication related to the excision of respiratory papilloma.<sup>1</sup> My experience indicates that decannulated tracheotomy patients are also at risk for pneumomediastinum following excision of respiratory papilloma. I observed this complication in a teenager who had a previous tracheotomy from which he had been decannulated for several years. He developed pneumomediastinum at the time of the procedure. I did not use the microdebrider, but I did use jet ventilation with a Hunsaker Mon Jet tube. The patient was observed overnight and discharged without any need for intervention.

### REFERENCE

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