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20 Questions to Prepare Before your Laryngology Visit

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Here is what you are most likely to be asked:

- 1. When did this begin?
- 2. Has the voice problem been continuous or intermittent?
- 3. What style(s) do you sing/perform most of the time?
- 4. Are you having difficulty accessing your full range of pitches?
- 5. Are you having difficulty modulating soft and loud dynamics?
- 6. Does your voice fatigue more easily than normal?
- 7. How are you compensating for or navigating around your difficulty?
- 8. Do you have important performances/auditions right away?
- 9. Have you had this or another voice problem in the past?
- 10. Do you have a daily warmup regimen? Do you cool down?
- 11. Are you currently working with a singing teacher, acting teacher or vocal coach on a regular basis (at least once per month)?
- 12. Why did you decide to come in now?

Here is what you might also be asked:

- 1. Tell me about your training in 2-3 sentences.
- 2. Allergy symptoms and treatment
- 3. Reflux symptoms and treatment
- 4. Current medications, dosage and how compliant you are about taking them
- 5. Sleep, hydration and humidification habits
- 6. Recent or upcoming travel
- 7. Can you sing 1-3 phrases of something that demonstrates your vocal difficulty? (If you cannot think of something pretty quickly, we will probably suggest "Happy Birthday," or "Amazing Grace," so PLEASE think of something!)
- 8. If you are not a singer, speak some lines from a monologue or a recent part you have performed.
- 9. Is there anything I did not ask you that you think is important for me to know?