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# Brachycephalic Airway Evaluation & Surgery

Your pet is scheduled to come see us on \_\_\_\_\_ for  
an airway evaluation and possible surgical correction.

## What can I expect?

We shared during your consultation that one of the most common complications of these procedures is aspiration pneumonia, which can arise from Gastroesophageal Reflux (GER). Patients with conformational deformities, often found in brachycephalic dogs, can be more susceptible to developing GER and secondary pneumonia.

In order to help decrease the instances of GER, we will administer medications while your pet is hospitalized. These typically include antiemetics (Cerenia), prokinetics (Metoclopramide, Cisapride), and acid-reducers (Omeprazole). The medications that we select are tailored to your pet's specific needs. Some medications, however, are helpful to all patients at risk of complications from this type of procedure.

## Two of these medications will be prescribed for your pet today:

- **Omeprazole** – to be given every 12 hours, on an empty stomach, for the 7 days leading up to your pet's procedure.
- **Metoclopramide** - to be given every 8 hours for the 7 days leading up to your pet's procedure.

These medications will also be continued following any surgical procedures that are performed.

If you'd like more information about GER, or any of the medications used to treat it,  
please ask a member of your pet's care team.

You can also scan this QR code for additional  
reading on ways to prevent esophagitis and  
aspiration pneumonia in at-risk patients.



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