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## Bronchoscopy

**Bronchoscopy** is a procedure which allows for a visual assessment of the condition of airways. The **bronchoscope** is an endoscopic instrument which is guided orally through the throat into the windpipe, i.e. trachea, and bronchi.

### **Tests and treatment are both indications for bronchoscopy:**

- diagnosis of neoplastic diseases; taking of samples; collection of bronchial aspirate or bronchoalveolar lavage liquid for analysis; lung disease diagnostics;
- searching for bleeding and its sources in the bronchi.

The necessity of the procedure is determined by the attending physician.