Endonasal Polyposis

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Endonasal polyposis, synopsis

Benign mucosal vegetations

Size milimeters to centimeters

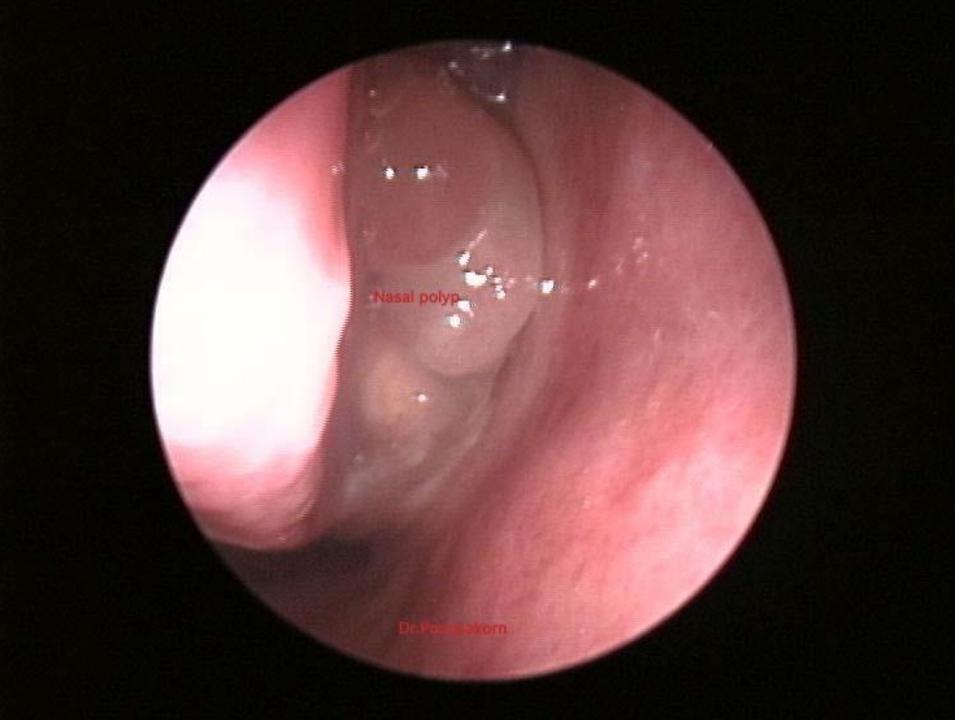
Part of chronic rhinosinusitis

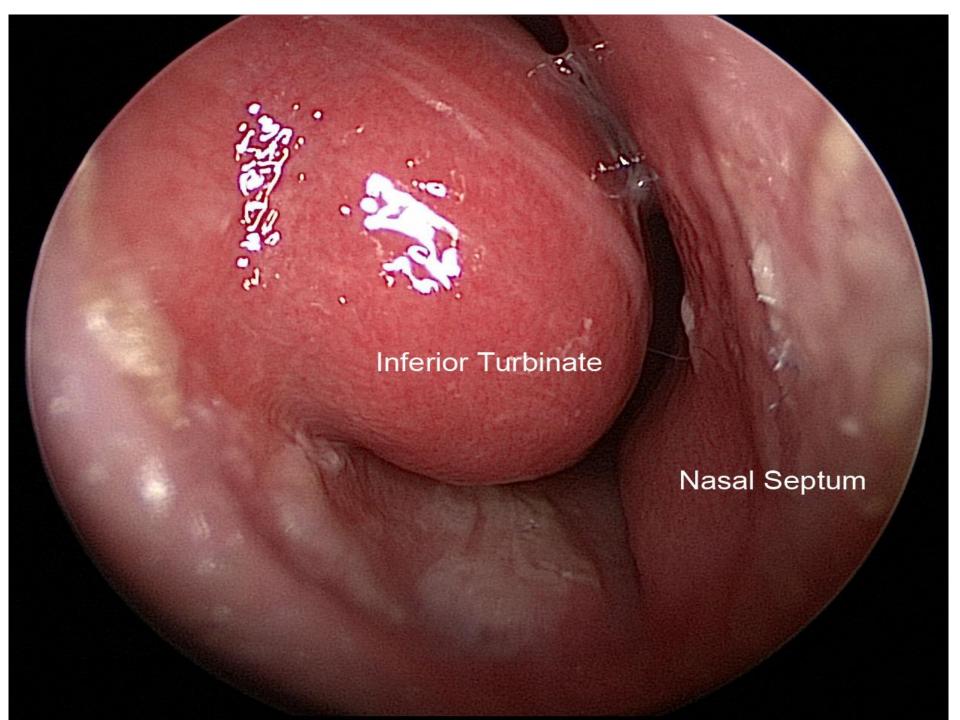
Occur mainly in adults

In children with cystic fibrosis, ciliar dyskinesia

Often confused with inferior turbinate

Grey soft





Endonasal Polyposis, symptoms

- Nasal block
- Snoring
- Poor sense of smell
- Chronic cold
- Cephalgia
- Halitosis



Snoring can be a symptom of endonasal polyposis

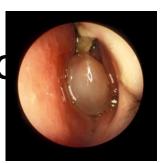
Chronic cold can be a symptom of endonasal polyposis



Endonasal polyposis, cau

- Genesis unknown
- Can be associated with allergies/hayfever
- Asthma
- Allergy to painkillers (Aspirin, Brufen, Diclofenac)
- Samter-Trias
- One third of children with cystic fibrosis

Endonasal polyposis, diagno



- Nasendoscopy
- Sinus CT (cone-beam CT)
- IgE/RAST
- Skinprick tests
- Cave: if unilateral with occ. Epistaxis: 2WW

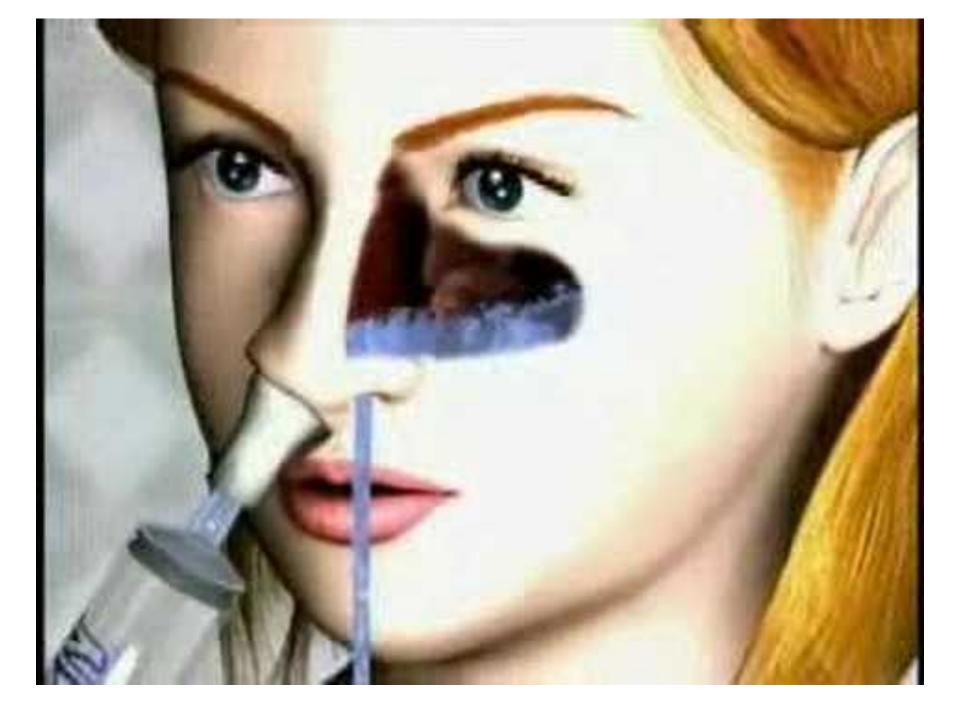
Endonasal Polyposis, treatme



- Conservative, conservative
- Adjuvant surgery
- Allergen avoidance
- Immuntherapy (desensitisation)
- Saline *
- Decongestants *
- Topical steroids, technique *, regular application *
- Systemic steroids *







NICE chronic sinusitis

- Trial with intranasal steroids for 3 months
- Saline irrigation
- Stop smoking

NICE recurrent sinusitis

- Paracetamol/Brufen for pain
- Decongestant nasal spray 1/52
- Warm face packs

NICE referral to ENT

- Refer if orbital or cranial involvement suspected (orbital cellulitis, neurology)
- Unremmitting or increasing facial pain
- Frequent recurrent episodes i.e. requiring antibiotics
 >3/year
- Significant obstruction (polyps)
- Inefficient 3 month trial with nasal steroids (remind application technique and frequency)

