

## QUESTION 123

Which of the following is a common cause of a patient's difficulty swallowing?



ANSWER: C. The most common cause of difficulty swallowing is a problem with the larynx. The larynx is the part of the throat at the top of the trachea. It is responsible for producing sound and for protecting the airway during swallowing. A problem with the larynx can cause difficulty swallowing because the larynx is unable to move up and over the tongue to allow food to pass into the esophagus.