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Congenital epiglottic cyst

A full term male neonate presented with stridor and respiratory distress minutes after birth. Life saving intubation was achieved by the attending paediatrician who noted a mass at the base of the tongue. Micro-laryngoscopy under general anaesthesia confirmed the congenital epiglottic cyst (fig 1) which was curatively excised.

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Figure 1 Endoscopic view of an epiglottic cyst at suspension laryngoscopy with endotracheal tube in situ. 1, Epiglottic cyst; 2, epiglottis; 3, tongue base displaced to the right side by the laryngoscope.

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