

# The Child with Respiratory Dysfunction

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## Respiratory Infections

Infections of the respiratory tract are described according to the anatomic area of involvement. The **upper respiratory tract**, or **upper airway**, consists of the oronasopharynx, pharynx, larynx, and upper part of the trachea. The **lower respiratory tract** consists of the lower trachea, bronchi, bronchioles, and alveoli. In this discussion, the trachea is considered with lower tract disorders, and infections