## Question

Doctor, I have been experiencing a hoarse voice for a few weeks now and it's not getting any better despite taking medication.

What could be the problem?

Generate the reasoning process step by step according to the question

Hoarseness, or a change in voice quality, can be caused by various factors. Here are a few potential reasons for your persistent hoarseness:

- 1. Acute laryngitis: This is the most common cause of hoarseness and is often caused by a viral infection. It typically resolves on its own within a few days to weeks. If your symptoms have persisted for more than a few weeks, it is less likely to be due to acute laryngitis.
- 2. Chronic laryngitis: This condition is characterized by long-term inflammation of the vocal cords and can be caused by factors such as smoking, acid reflux, excessive voice use, or allergies.

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**Extract relevant entities** 

## **Entities**

The extracted entities are hoarse voice, medication, vocal cord strain or injury, acid reflux, resting voice, laryngitis, viral or bacterial infections, staying hydrated, smoking, exposure to chemicals, gastroesophageal reflux disease, GERD symptoms, allergies, sinusitis, postnasal drip, vocal cord polyps or nodules, noncancerous growths, Nose, throat, voice therapy, surgical removal, interventions, otolaryngologist, ear, throat specialist, laryngoscopy, diagnostic tests, condition of vocal cords, treatment options, medication, voice therapy, surgery

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