

Rhinoscopy

Advantages:

- High-yield diagnostic test
- Risk of complications minimal to zero
- Offers definitive diagnosis in many cases, e.g. aspergillosis and neoplasia
- Allows evaluation of frontal sinuses (sinuscopy)

Indications:

- Nasal discharge
- Nasal obstruction
- Chronic sneezing
- Epistaxis
- Facial distortion
- Nasal pain
- Acute severe sneezing
- Reverse sneezing
- Abnormal radiographs
- Suspected foreign body

Therapeutic applications:

- Foreign body removal
- Topical therapy for sinonasal aspergillosis
- Nasopharyngeal web dilation
- Nasal tumor debulking

Note: surgery is NOT indicated for nasal cancer

Available for:

- Cats
- Small and large breed dogs

Preparation for procedure:

- Radiographs of nasal cavity/sinus
- For epistaxis: rule out hypertension, vasculitis, bleeding disorder
- Cats: consider testing for *Cryptococcus* (serum test and/or nasal cytology)
- +/- Dental evaluation

