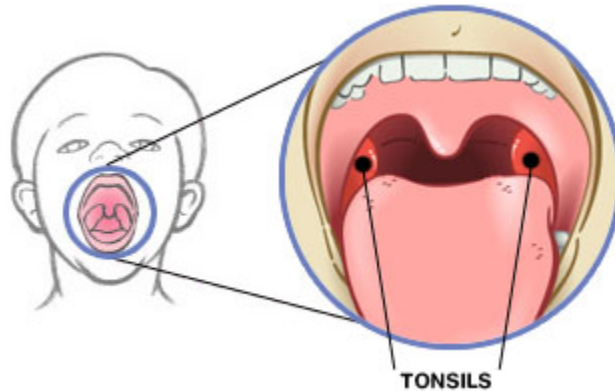
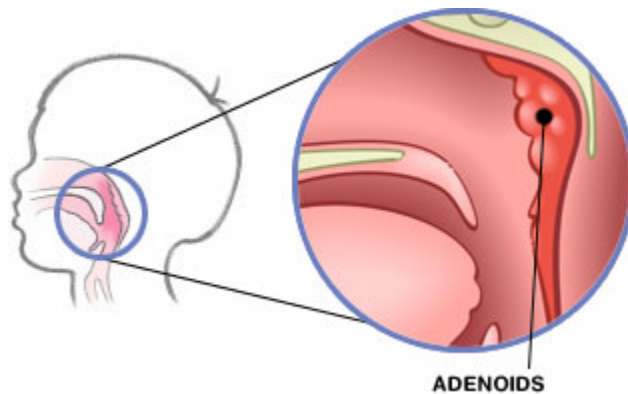


What are Tonsils & Adenoids?

Tonsils are ball-like clumps of lymphoid tissue located on both sides of the back of the throat. Some scientists believe that the tonsils work as part of the body's immune system. They help the body fight infection by filtering out germs as they enter the breathing passages through the mouth and nose.



The adenoids are a clump of lymphoid tissue similar to that of tonsils, but located higher up in the throat, behind the nose. Adenoids also help the body fight infections by trapping and fighting germs as they pass through the breathing passage.



What is a Tonsillectomy?

A tonsillectomy is a surgical procedure in which the tonsils are removed from the throat. An adenoidectomy is a similar procedure used to remove the adenoids. In many cases, the tonsils and adenoids are removed at the same time.