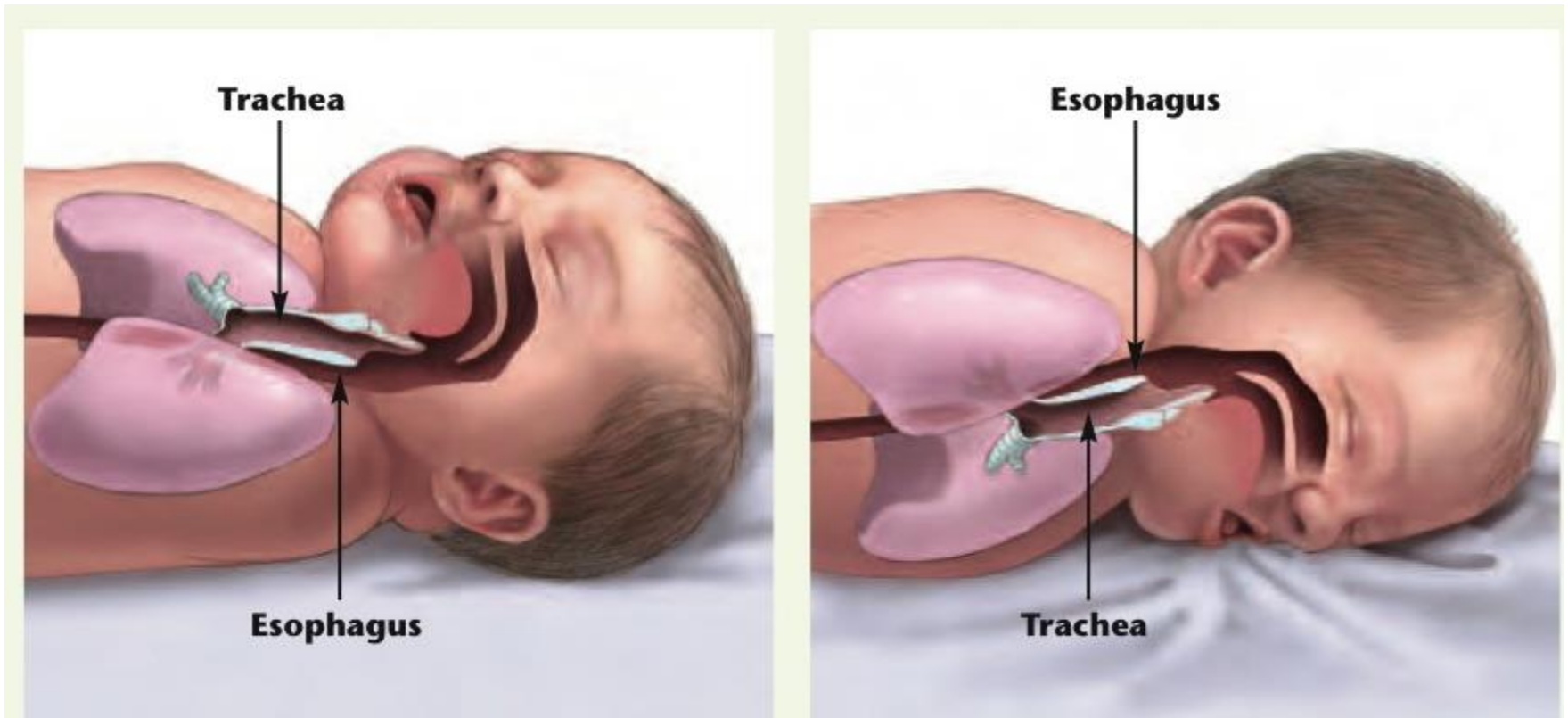


Fear of Choking Back vs. Stomach



When the baby is laying on their back, the baby's breathing tube (trachea) lies on top of the swallowing tube (esophagus). If the baby throws up, it will go back down the swallowing tube (remember gravity).

When a baby is sleeping on their tummy, if they throw up it will pool at the opening of the breathing tube. This makes it easier for the baby to have food go down into their lungs and choke them.