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Surgery for Head and Neck Cancer

Message from the Guest Editors

Surgery remains a cornerstone in the multidisciplinary management of head and neck cancer, playing a critical role in diagnosis, staging, local tumor control, and functional rehabilitation. Contemporary head and neck oncologic surgery encompasses a wide spectrum of approaches, ranging from traditional open resections to minimally invasive techniques. The integration of surgery with radiotherapy, chemotherapy, targeted therapy, and immunotherapy has enabled the development of personalized treatment strategies tailored to tumor biology, stage, and patient-specific factors. Reconstruction has evolved in parallel, with microvascular free tissue transfer and advanced reconstructive algorithms allowing for the restoration of complex anatomical defects and an improved quality of life. Additionally, sentinel lymph node biopsy and selective neck dissection have refined cervical management, reducing morbidity without compromising oncologic safety. Together, these developments highlight the dynamic role of surgery in achieving durable disease control while enhancing functional and aesthetic outcomes for patients with head and neck cancer.

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