

Special Issue

Advances in Minimally Invasive Ophthalmic Surgery

Message from the Guest Editors

Minimally invasive surgical techniques have led to revolutions in many surgical disciplines. The use of such techniques decreases the rates of tissue trauma and accelerates postoperative recovery while reducing complications, patient discomfort, lengths of hospital stays, and time off work. In cataract surgery, microincisions of less than 2 mm are now the gold standard, superseding the large corneal incisions of extracapsular surgery and improving outcomes, with a faster recovery of vision in patients. In vitreoretinal surgery, suture-less small-gauge (25–27 gauge) vitrectomy also reduces recovery times and improves outcomes relative to 20-gauge approaches requiring conjunctival incision even in complex procedures. Microinvasive techniques are also used in non-penetrating keratoplasty procedures in corneal surgery, the insertion of miniature drainage implants for glaucoma, endoscopic techniques for the lacrimal system, and small incisions for lid and strabismus surgery. These examples are not exhaustive, and the list of uses continues to grow. This Special Issue aims to attract original research and review articles on "Advances in Minimally Invasive Ophthalmic Surgery".

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