

Special Issue

Current Trends in the Management of Vestibular Schwannoma

Message from the Guest Editors

The management of vestibular schwannomas has undergone drastic changes in the last decades. From the initial aim of complete removal whatever the functional cost, considering vestibular schwannomas as lethal tumors at the same level of cancers, most pluridisciplinary teams now aim at controlling the tumor with a minimum loss of function. From a surgical standpoint, total tumor removal has progressively been replaced by near-total or sub-total resection, followed by regular scanning, to avoid as much facial paralysis as possible, which is a devastating condition. Hearing preservation, which requires intraoperative hearing monitoring, is being increasingly considered by the surgical team because of patient demand. As a consequence, therapeutic strategies have considerably evolved. While most teams only consider treatment for growing tumors, some challenging cases could be optimally managed sooner, in particular by surgery. I am convinced that this Special Issue focused on the current management of vestibular schwannomas will be of high interest, not only for specialized otolaryngologists but also for general practitioners.

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