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Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery in Head and Neck Cancer

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Minimally invasive and robotic surgery has been adopted in many areas of surgery to reduce patient morbidity during surgical resection. To achieve this, endoscopic and robotic instrumentation coupled with improved imaging tools and localisation techniques have been developed, to enable adequate resection of tumours with minimum damage to surrounding tissues. In the initial stages of head and neck cancer, minimally invasive surgery—manual and robotic—is today the standard of treatment. The future interests of minimally invasive surgeons in the coming years will be addressed to more complex procedures including the treatment of locally advanced cancers after chemotherapy. In this Special Issue we will review the techniques, indications and results of the application of minimally invasive surgery in the head and neck, focusing not only on the current standard, but also evaluating future applications and new perspectives.

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