Foreword

Suprasellar Tumors (Part 1)

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It is a great pleasure for me to present to you the inaugural issue of Skull Base: Operative Videos, a video supplement to Journal of Neurological Surgery: Part B, Skull Base. This journal supplement provides quick access to high-quality video references for the seasoned and in-training skull base surgeon. With the digital age of technology and handheld devices, there is a great need in the global skull base community for readily accessible educational web-based video content dedicated to surgical techniques. Skull Base: Operative Videos fulfills this need by providing high-quality, narrated video manuscripts of complex skull base surgical procedures that have undergone rigorous peer-review.

Our first issue is devoted to Suprasellar Tumors, with video manuscripts demonstrating the spectrum of open microsurgical and endoscopic endonasal techniques for resecting a variety of pathologies including meningiomas, craniopharyngiomas, and pituitary adenomas. Due to the overwhelming number of submissions and acceptances, we have divided the topic over two issues. The current accepted video submissions have included original content, rare and interesting cases, as well as nuances of technique (“How I Do It”). Each accepted video will be cited on PubMed and appear as a printed abstract in this journal. All videos are posted on the Skull Base: Operative Videos YouTube Channel at www.thieme.com/skullbasevideos, available for free public viewing. We anticipate that these videos will culminate into a vast library of technical pearls for life-long learning for the skull base surgeon.

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