
Editorial

The scope of head and neck includes diverse sites and subsites, with intricate and often complex anatomy. Since the head and neck region also has complex embryological origins, a myriad of pathologies arising from different tissues present here. As the volume of reported global literature increases, certain uncommon entities in head and neck are coming to fore. Indeed, a sampling of most head and neck literature yields a rich variety of interesting case reports.

Case reports, though often ranked a bit lower in gamut of publications, are an important source of disseminating information. Firstly, these throw light on an unusual or unrecognized entity or pathology; next, these put forth the diagnostic and therapeutic dilemma in managing these conditions, given the dearth of clinical experience and literature pertaining to them; finally, they offer, at times, innovative approaches and solutions to these unusual entities. In this edition of International Journal of Head and Neck Surgery (IJHNS), we bring to you an interesting range of clinical and pathological scenarios, covering subsites, such as thyroid, parotid, tongue, nose, larynx, and orbit. The series on lingual thyroids highlights that this is not so unusual condition seen in clinics, and an index of suspicion needs to be maintained. The article on cavernous hemangioma of tongue presents an unusual site and presentation for an otherwise common pathology.

Unusual clinical situations often demand innovative approaches, and the use of Fogarty's catheter to retrieve an endobronchial clot in a post-laryngectomy patient is an example of this.

We hope the readers enjoy going through these clinical reports and series presented in this edition of IJHNS. We look forward to further such interesting scenarios from contributors, which throw new light on certain conditions, and add to the existing wisdom in the field of head and neck.

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