

## Atlas of Acoustic Neurinoma Microsurgery (2nd Edition)

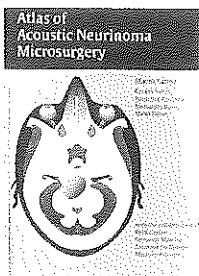
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This book, now in its second edition, is authored by pioneers in the field. It is extremely well written and presented in a portable and easily accessible format.

The succinct introductory chapter concisely covers pathogenesis, epidemiology, natural history and clinical presentation of acoustic neuromas. This is followed by an excellent chapter on radiological imaging. The images are of very high quality and resolution.

The book contains concise and focussed discussion of the various management options for acoustic neuromas, and a very useful chapter on operating theatre set-up and perioperative considerations including patient and surgeon positioning and the range of micro-instruments needed. Throughout, excellent illustrations with high quality photographs complement the text well.

General principles of surgical intervention in the cerebello-pontine angle region as well as intraoperative nerve monitoring are well covered. These lead nicely on to chapters providing systematic, step-by-step coverage of the most common lateral skull base neurotologic approaches. Each chapter covers the rationale, indications and contraindications for the surgical approaches in question. There is concise and clear description of the relevant surgical anatomy, illustrated with excellent quality colour images of cadaveric temporal bone resections. The text is heavily supplemented with very high quality, clearly labelled, colour intraoperative photographs. Each



chapter also contains well selected clinical cases (with radiological imaging, intraoperative photographs and diagrammatic illustrations where appropriate) to illustrate clinical applications of the various approaches and techniques.

There are similarly well written chapters on management strategies for acoustic neuromas in special situations, namely neurofibromatosis type II and only hearing ear. Facial nerve reanimation, the role of endoscopic intervention for acoustic neuromas and a practical guide to management of postoperative complications are comprehensively

dealt with.

In summary this is an excellent, user-friendly, in-depth manual for acoustic neuroma surgery and management. The book is extremely well written and supplemented by very high quality illustrations and photographs, drawing upon the extensive clinical experience of the authors. It provides a very informative and systematic visual guide to understanding what is a very complex area of surgery. This book would be an extremely worthwhile investment for any neurologist or neurosurgeon involved in acoustic neuroma management, as well as for trainees pursuing a career in neurotology and lateral skull base surgery.

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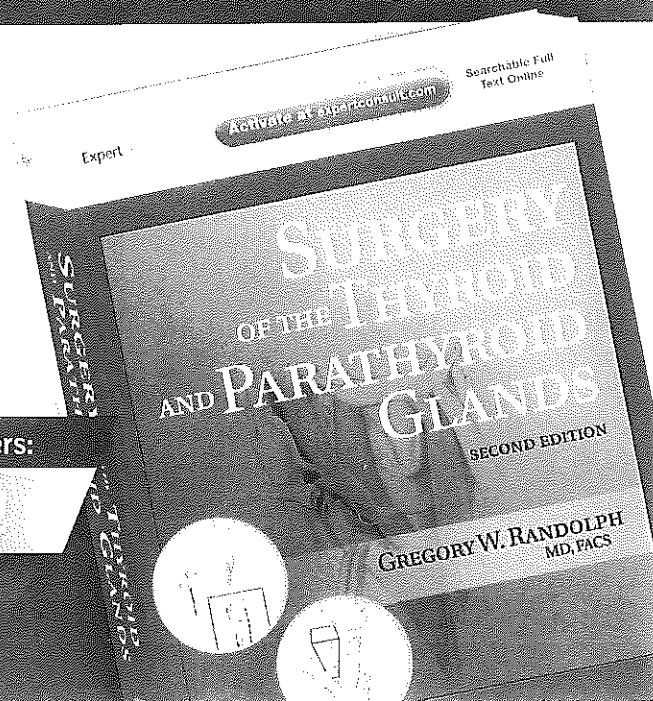
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