Endoscopic endonasal surgery for parasellar tumors with malleable tools

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Objective

To present endoscopic endonasal surgery for parasellar tumors with malleable tools.

> Tips for safe direction of dissection force during endonasal endoscopic surgery

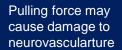


endoscopic

approach









We have to make an effort to dissect tumor horizontally from neurovasculature using counter pressure with suction tube

Malleable dissector



Suction tube with attached flexible nozzle



Flexible curette forceps



Curette forceps with 240mm long shaft and flexible tip. Curette rotates 360 degrees and bend both left and right.

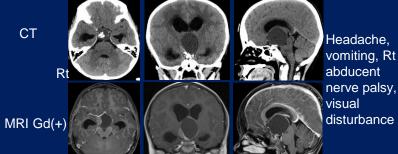
Cases

Parasellar tumors 2	85 cases	
PitNET	210	
Rathke cleft cyst	35	
Craniopharyngioma	10	
Parasellar meningioma	12	
Chordoma · Chondrosarsoma	5	
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	285	

Results

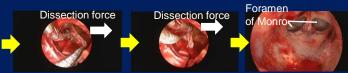
	Visual disturbance	224 before operation
	Improved	190 (84.8%)
	Not changed	28 (12.5%)
	Worsened	6 (2.7%)
	• Eye movement disturbance	18 before operation
	• Eye movement disturbance Improved	18 before operation 15 (83.3%)
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Case 1.8 y.o. Male Craniopharyngioma



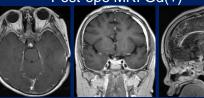
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Post-ope MRI Gd(+)

No recurrence 2 years after ope

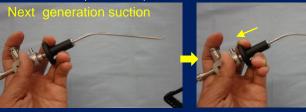


Visual disturbance, Panhypopituitarism, DI, VP shunt

Discussion

Malleable tools

Need long malleable tools to reach tumors from narrow corridor in order to achieve adequate decompression,



• enable to adjust length of suction tube

Conclusions

- Endoscopic endonasal surgery for parasellar tumors is safe and less invasive procedure.
- Although present malleable tools are useful, there is still issue to solve to get much more effective tools to reach the tumor site for removing big tumors in endoscopic endonasal surgery.