

Editor's Speak

Otorhinolaryngologists and Head and Neck Surgeons fall right in the midst of the gamut of specialists who treat thyroid disorders. Although General Surgeons and Oncosurgeons are also qualified to manage thyroid disorders, with the endocrinologists tackling the pre- and postoperative issues as well as the purely medically treatable conditions of the thyroid, it is eventually the Otorhinolaryngologists that fall into the loop, be it the surgical aspect, the voice aspect, the management of the airway especially with regard to malignancies, tracheomalacia due to longstanding goiters and so on. Hence, it was only natural to dedicate this issue to thyroid disorders.

This is the first issue in a planned series dedicated to thyroid disorders and covers numerous diagnostic aspects, as well as certain reviews of management protocols followed at certain centers. The pictorial essays are aimed at familiarizing the reader with the two most important investigations for the thyroid gland, namely ultrasonography and aspiration cytology. Three articles are dedicated by a team of specialized endocrinologists which reflect their holistic perspective—something that otorhinolaryngologists should keep in mind while treating such patients.

All in all, this issue is dedicated to an overall understanding of the decision-making process for thyroid disorders. Subsequent issues shall emphasize more on the surgical and anatomical aspects, as well as on thyroid malignancies.



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