

Guest Editorial

It gives me great pleasure to write the guest editorial for this issue dedicated to ‘Thyroid Disorders’.

Interest in thyroid disorders has been from time immemorial. The sheer fascination of a small gland in the neck having such multisystemic manifestations when disturbed has made its study a specialty in itself.

Our understanding in thyroid disorders from the time when most diseases were considered induced by iodine deficiency or radiation to the resurgence of entity called ‘thyroiditis’ has changed by leaps and bounds thanks to ever evolving diagnostic technology. This has also helped in classifying various malignancies of this gland into separate disease entities having unique and distinctive behavioral patterns.

The evolution of the management of multinodular goiter and the out-phasing of sub-total thyroidectomies, to today’s age of meticulous preservation of the parathyroid gland during surgery, the increasing application of minimal access and robotic surgery for the thyroid and parathyroid, targeted adjuvant therapies for metastatic medullary carcinomas of the thyroid is slowly revolutionizing treatment of thyroid disorders.

The issue has original articles covering various aspects such as anesthesia techniques, clinical approach and use of color Doppler in investigation and diagnosis. The lucid style of the articles as well as the accompanying color images make understanding easy. The review articles give the readers an insight into challenges encountered in dealing with thyroid disorders and guide on how to manage them. The pictorial assays are unique as this will help the surgeons to understand the histopathology and ultrasonography findings better. The case reports will make interesting reading for the reader and to understand the authors’ dilemma as well as what they did to tackle the situation.

I am sure, this is the first of several issues on this vast topic and needs to be addressed in an exhaustive manner especially for the young surgeons for understanding the disorders and management of the thyroid better.



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