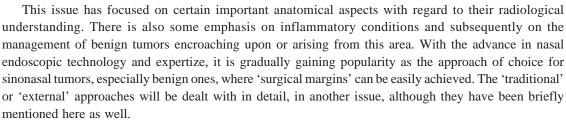
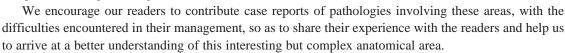
Editor's Speak

(Pterygopalatine and Infratemporal Fossae)

This issue has been dedicated to the pterygopalatine and infratemporal fossae, both of which pose a challenge to the surgeon, not merely by virtue of the important anatomical structures traversing them, but also their complex anatomical communications with vital areas, such as the orbit and the cranial cavity. Added to the above is the fact that the surgical access to these areas is complicated, and the trajectory followed usually maneuvers around vital structures that need to be preserved. It is thus not surprising, that the 'ideal' approach is under much debate!



The choice of surgical approach notwithstanding, and the type of pathology being secondary, the key to a successful surgical outcome lies in tailor-making the approach after giving careful thought to the structures involved in the pathology to be treated, and those that need to be preserved. Surgical expertize and comfort, coupled with a sound interpretation of the radiology, plays a vital role in preventing complications of grave magnitude.





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