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# Otolaryngological Surgery in the Geriatric Patients



Greater now than in recent history, the need for specialized care of individuals in vulnerable populations has been epitomized. With the recent COVID 19 pandemic, the impact of healthcare disparities its impact on vulnerable populations has been brought to the forefront of medical and national attention. This pandemic further highlights, the need for specialized care and attention to the unique health needs of the geriatric population.

There are special considerations that factor into the care of geriatric patients in all fields of medicine. This issue of Operative Techniques in Otolaryngology Head and Neck

Surgery seeks to highlight the clinical and perioperative considerations specific to the care of geriatric patients with otolaryngologic diseases. We aimed to highlight surgical candidacy, the definition and concept of fragility versus mere age, and operative concerns dedicated to the geriatric population directed at refining techniques in this population. As our practices are increasingly becoming comprised of geriatric patients, it is our duty as physicians to be well equipped with the knowledge needed to serve their unique needs. We thank the authors for their valuable contribution to this publication.

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