



Preface



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Minimally invasive surgery provides a decrease in morbidity in most surgeries, with shorter hospital stays and a quicker recovery time for patients. Many surgical disciplines have been driven by their patients' desires and requests to embrace minimally invasive surgical alternatives. Pioneers of sialendoscopy, Drs Katz, Nahlieli, Marchal, Iro, and McGurk found it difficult to accept submandibular gland excision and parotidectomy for the treatment of obstructive salivary gland disease. With the improvement in technology, continuing, and resident education, a paradigm shift for the management of salivary gland stones and other salivary gland diseases has occurred globally. This technology, even in its current state, eliminates the use of large facial incisions and minimizes the risk to the nerves of the face and mouth. It has been a 20-year journey to modify and improve these procedures and it still continues to do so.

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Finally, being in academic Medical Centers, we hope that residents, whose curiosity make us be better teachers and innovators, will appreciate the new technology and the new innovations and hopefully adopt them into their practice and continue to improve upon them.

We hope you enjoy this *Atlas of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics of North America* as much as we enjoyed creating it, and we hope you find it useful in your surgical practice.

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