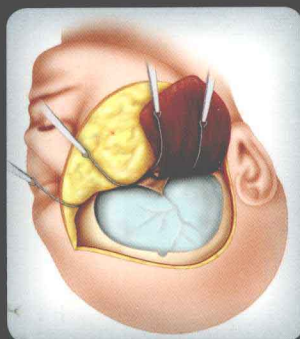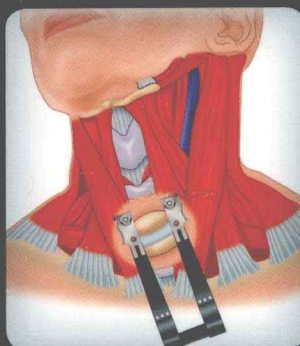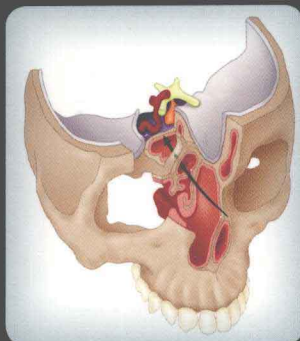Rahul Jandial
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Core Techniques in Operative Neurosurgery was conceived with clear recognition of the evolving pedagogical landscape. The presentation of medical information is undergoing a renaissance, and the pressing need and unparalleled opportunity to develop digital medical textbooks are upon us. Soon the concepts of "book editions" and "page length" will become obsolete, as information is continually updated and infinitely linked from digital sources that coalesce. In this transition, neurological surgery—the most challenging and complicated of medical endeavors—should be at the forefront.

The structure of this text consists of two main sections: Cranial and Spinal. Specific design elements have been included to allow for quick reference in preoperative considerations regarding "Indications," "Contraindications," and "Planning and Positioning." Further, thoughtful "Tips from the Masters" and "Bailout Options" are included, which present condensed and accessible pearls that have been distilled from more exhaustive texts, as well as senior author experience. Both for neophyte students of neurological surgery and for established neurosurgeons seeking a targeted review of operations that may have become an infrequent aspect of their practices, this text intends to serve both as a reference and a conduit to further learning.

My intention is for *Core Techniques to Operative Neurosurgery* to function as a bridge between the best of conventional paper textbooks and the transition toward discrete quanta of information that facilitate delivery through the digital milieu. Indeed, the last punctuation within methods and models of didactic delivery was the printing press, adding accessibility and reproducibility of knowledge previously impossible. Similarly, the transition of paper texts to digital texts will add another indelible exclamation mark in the advancement of didactic methods. My hope is that *Core Techniques in Operative Neurosurgery* will lead that evolution.

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