

INTRODUCTION TO PATIENT MODULES

Acquisition of the technical steps that form the ECD operation does not confer the knowledge on how to apply the procedure appropriately. This library of 48 cases hopes to fill that gap.

A total of 48 parotid gland operations were recorded, half in 360 + 2D and remainder just in 2D. Each case has been edited down to about 30 min in length and separated into 4 modules of 12 cases each (~ 6 hours of recording per module). Equal number of both are contained in each module. **For ease of delivery, modules 2 & 3 have been concertinaed into one, as have modules 3 & 4. Thus there is a choice of 2 patient modules with ~20 cases presentations in each. This reduces cost and simplifies access to the cases.**

Most cases relate to benign tumours for which this operation is ideally suited but in each module are examples of the approach to low grade malignant or suspicious lumps and unusual pathology such as lipoma. There is commentary on each video.

To select the module appropriate to one's interest, a 3 min preview of each case is available by module on the web page. An individual can select one or all 4 modules to view as desired.

Once a decision has been made as to the most appropriate way to access the material i.e. self-instruction or small group discussion, the subscription section on the web page should be consulted.

Those who prefer self-instruction have a choice of 3 modules (1 technical and 2 patient orientated). All combinations are available, but it is recommended that the technical module should be included with patient modules.

Those choosing small group discussion will have access to all the material from which to select items for discussion. The arrangement for small group teaching is more involved and will be dealt with separately on a group basis.

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