

Preface



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Advances in the field of endoscopic sinus surgery over the past 20 years have fostered the development of new approaches to the management of orbital and lacrimal disorders. With concurrent improvement in office examination techniques and imaging technology, clinicians with an interest in these disorders are now able to achieve increased precision in preoperative diagnosis and offer patients more refined, and minimally invasive options for treatment. Endoscopic approaches to the orbit take exquisite advantage of key anatomic relationships that arise from the fact that the sinonasal tract and orbit are contiguous structures separated by very thin bone, and the techniques employed are well within the realm of the general otolaryngologist–ophthalmologist tandem. Successful surgical outcomes are predicated upon a thorough understanding of the relevant anatomy, meticulous surgical technique, and seamless cross-specialty collaboration.

We are personally indebted to our colleagues in the fields of otolaryngology, ophthalmology, and radiology for their generosity in sharing their insights and expertise, and hope that the collective experience shared within this unique issue of *Otolaryngologic Clinics of North America* will

be helpful to the reader caring for patients with orbital and lacrimal problems.

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