

## Preface



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Even though cholesteatoma is not a new entity in the specialty of otology, it can present certain management challenges. Recurrence and recidivism can befuddle even the most experienced surgeon. Subsequently, our specialty is constantly trying to devise new approaches to increase visualization and effectively eradicate disease while also maximize hearing and create a maintenance-free ear. As these nuances in surgical and medical treatment continue to evolve, it is helpful to pause and review how our current techniques have matured and to share what we have learned with colleagues. We are fortunate to have the contributions of several prominent surgeons in our specialty presenting information covering the entire scope of cholesteatoma from history and pathophysiology to diagnosis and management.

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