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Title: Endoscopic Repair of Lateral Sphenoid Encephaloceles: A Case Series

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Dr. Gore presents his series of endoscopic endonasal repairs for lateral sphenoid encephaloceles. Given the relative rarity of this pathology, this is a respectable series. The basic demographic and clinical data is provided and a description of the varied repair techniques are noted. The author argues that alloderm inlay, fat graft and nasoseptal flap repair was superior to alternative repairs. The very small number of patients renders true statistical analysis uninformative. I do not believe true conclusions regarding the efficacy of one versus another repair method are possible in this series.

The images are of moderate quality and fail to truly demonstrate the techniques described.

Given the other series (large and small) that exist in the literature, this study adds very little.

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