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surgical anatomy of the head and neck 2 delves deeper into the intricate vascular and neural structures vital for understanding complex surgical procedures. Building upon foundational anatomical knowledge, this comprehensive exploration aims to equip surgeons, residents, and advanced medical students with a detailed grasp of the surgical anatomy of the head and neck. We will dissect the arterial supply to crucial regions, examining the branches of the external and internal carotid arteries and their significance in oncologic and reconstructive surgery. Furthermore, we will meticulously outline the venous drainage patterns, emphasizing the critical role of the jugular veins and their tributaries in managing hemorrhage and fluid balance. The complex innervation of the head and neck, including cranial nerves and their pathways, will be meticulously detailed to inform surgical decision-making and minimize neurological complications. Understanding these interconnected systems is paramount for successful outcomes in a wide array of head and neck surgeries.

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Vascular Anatomy of the Head and Neck: Arterial Supply

The arterial supply to the head and neck is a complex network originating from the common carotid arteries, which bifurcate into the external and internal carotid arteries. The external carotid artery is the primary blood source for the superficial structures of the head and neck, including the face, scalp, and oral cavity. Its numerous branches are critical considerations in surgical procedures. Key branches include the superior thyroid artery, supplying the thyroid gland; the lingual artery, serving the tongue and floor of the mouth; the facial artery, providing blood to the face and submandibular region; the occipital artery, supplying the posterior scalp; and the maxillary artery, which branches extensively within the infratemporal fossa and oral cavity, supplying the teeth, palate, and nasal cavity. Understanding the precise origin and course of these vessels is essential for surgeons to control bleeding during tumor resections, dissections, and reconstructive efforts.

The internal carotid artery, in contrast, is primarily responsible for supplying the brain and the orbit. While its direct branches within the neck are fewer, its importance in vascular surgery of the neck cannot be overstated. The common carotid artery itself is a major vessel at risk during neck dissections, and understanding its anatomical relationships with surrounding structures, such as the vagus nerve and jugular vein, is paramount for safe surgical access and preservation of neurological function. The vertebral arteries, arising from the subclavian arteries, also contribute significantly to the vascular supply of the head and neck, particularly the posterior cranial structures. Their course through the transverse foramina of the cervical vertebrae requires careful attention during anterior cervical spine surgery.

Branches of the External Carotid Artery and Their Surgical Relevance

The surgical significance of the external carotid artery's branches lies in their direct involvement in numerous head and neck procedures. The superior thyroid artery, often ligated during thyroidectomy, provides a crucial landmark for identifying the recurrent laryngeal nerve. The lingual artery, which passes deep to the hyoglossus muscle, is a vital consideration during surgeries of the tongue and floor of the mouth, as its inadvertent injury can lead to significant hemorrhage. The facial artery's tortuous path across the mandible makes it a common source of bleeding in face and neck dissections. Understanding the vascular supply to specific anatomical subunits, such as the palate via the ascending palatine artery (a branch of the facial artery) or the infratemporal fossa via the maxillary artery and its numerous terminal branches, is indispensable for reconstructive surgeons planning free flaps or local tissue transfers.

The Internal Carotid Artery: A Critical Landmark

The internal carotid artery, a direct continuation of the common carotid artery, courses superiorly within the carotid sheath. Its relationship with the internal jugular vein laterally and the vagus nerve posteriorly is a constant anatomical consideration. Injury to the internal carotid artery, though rare, can have devastating consequences, including stroke and exsanguination. Therefore, meticulous surgical technique and a thorough understanding of its course, particularly as it enters the skull base via the carotid canal, are of utmost importance. Surgeons performing carotid endarterectomy or managing carotid body tumors must possess an intimate knowledge of this vessel's anatomy and

its potential pathologies.

Vascular Anatomy of the Head and Neck: Venous Drainage

Venous drainage of the head and neck is predominantly achieved through the internal jugular, external jugular, and anterior jugular veins, ultimately emptying into the subclavian veins. The internal jugular vein, a large and indispensable vessel, collects deoxygenated blood from the brain, face, and neck. It lies posterior and lateral to the internal carotid artery within the carotid sheath, a relationship critical for safe dissection. Its tributaries include the superior and inferior petrosal sinuses, cavernous sinus, and the facial vein. The facial vein, which begins near the supraorbital margin, communicates with the cavernous sinus via the ophthalmic veins, creating a potential pathway for the spread of infection from the face to the intracranial cavity, a phenomenon historically known as the "danger triangle" of the face.

The external jugular vein originates from the confluence of the posterior auricular vein and the retromandibular vein. It courses superficially across the sternocleidomastoid muscle, draining the scalp and superficial structures of the face and neck. The anterior jugular veins are smaller and drain the anterior neck region before often joining to drain into the external jugular vein or directly into the subclavian vein. Understanding these venous pathways is crucial for managing patients with venous compromise, such as thrombosis, or for planning venous harvest for bypass grafts in reconstructive surgery.

The Internal Jugular Vein and Its Tributaries

The internal jugular vein is a large caliber vein, and its precise anatomical location within the carotid sheath is a cornerstone of neck dissection. The numerous cranial nerves that traverse the posterior cranial fossa drain into dural sinuses which, in turn, empty into the superior and inferior petrosal sinuses and ultimately the cavernous sinus. The cavernous sinus, a venous plexus located within the cranial cavity, receives venous drainage from the face via the ophthalmic veins and has connections to the pterygoid venous plexus. Understanding these complex venous anastomoses is vital for comprehending the potential spread of infections and for interpreting imaging studies in patients with venous anomalies or tumors impacting these structures.

External and Anterior Jugular Veins in Surgical Context

The superficial location of the external jugular vein makes it vulnerable to injury during surgical procedures involving the neck, and its management is often considered during thyroidectomies and lymph node dissections. While less significant than the internal jugular vein, the anterior jugular veins play a role in draining the anterior neck and may require ligation or division during certain anterior neck approaches. Their variable confluence patterns necessitate careful anatomical identification in each patient.

Cranial Nerves: Pathways and Surgical Implications

The head and neck are innervated by twelve pairs of cranial nerves, each with unique sensory, motor, or mixed functions, and their anatomical integrity is paramount for preserving patient function. The surgical anatomy of these nerves is a subject of intense study and critical importance in all head and neck procedures. For example, the facial nerve (CN VII) controls all muscles of facial expression, and its preservation during parotid gland surgery or neck dissections is a primary objective. Injury to this nerve can result in significant functional and cosmetic deficits. Its extracranial course, from its exit from the stylomastoid foramen, involves branching into five main rami (temporal, zygomatic, buccal, marginal mandibular, and cervical), each supplying specific facial muscles and requiring meticulous dissection to avoid damage.

The glossopharyngeal nerve (CN IX) innervates the stylopharyngeus muscle and provides sensory innervation to the oropharynx and posterior third of the tongue. The vagus nerve (CN X) is a crucial nerve with extensive distribution, innervating the pharynx, larynx, esophagus, and thoracic viscera. In the neck, the recurrent laryngeal nerve, a branch of the vagus, is critically important for laryngeal function and vocal cord movement. Its close anatomical relationship with the thyroid gland, particularly on the left side where it passes posterior to the subclavian artery, makes it highly susceptible to injury during thyroidectomy. The hypoglossal nerve (CN XII), responsible for tongue movement, can be injured during surgery of the floor of the mouth or anterior cervical region, leading to significant speech and swallowing difficulties.

Facial Nerve (CN VII) Preservation Strategies

Surgical approaches to the parotid gland are designed to identify and preserve the main trunk and branches of the facial nerve. Intraoperative nerve monitoring, utilizing electromyography, is a standard practice to aid in identifying nerve function and integrity. Understanding the fascial planes and anatomical landmarks, such as the tragal pointer and the anterior border of the sternocleidomastoid muscle, helps surgeons in locating the nerve's course. Reconstruction of damaged facial nerve branches is also a complex aspect of head and neck surgery, often involving nerve grafts or bypass procedures.

Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve (CN X) Identification and Protection

The recurrent laryngeal nerve's intimate relationship with the inferior thyroid artery and the posterior aspect of the thyroid lobe makes it a constant focus of attention during thyroid surgery. Surgeons meticulously identify and visualize the nerve to ensure it is not inadvertently divided or injured. Variations in the nerve's course, including its extralaryngeal branching and non-recurrent variations (more common on the right), must be considered. Similarly, the external branch of the superior laryngeal nerve, responsible for cricothyroid muscle function (glottic tension), must be identified and preserved during thyroidectomy to prevent voice changes.

Other Cranial Nerves of Surgical Concern

Beyond the facial and vagus nerves, other cranial nerves pose significant surgical challenges. The

trigeminal nerve (CN V), with its three branches (ophthalmic, maxillary, and mandibular), provides sensation to the face and motor function to the muscles of mastication. Surgery involving the skull base, sinuses, or mandible can impact these branches. The spinal accessory nerve (CN XI), controlling the sternocleidomastoid and trapezius muscles, is routinely identified and preserved during modified radical neck dissections to prevent shoulder dysfunction. The importance of these nerves underscores the need for detailed anatomical knowledge and precise surgical technique in all head and neck operations.

Anatomy of the Pharynx and Larynx

The pharynx, a fibromuscular tube, is divided into three regions: the nasopharynx, oropharynx, and hypopharynx. The nasopharynx, located posterior to the nasal cavity, houses the pharyngeal tonsil (adenoids) and the opening of the auditory tube. The oropharynx extends from the soft palate to the epiglottis and includes the palatine tonsils and the base of the tongue. The hypopharynx, located inferiorly, extends from the epiglottis to the cricopharyngeus muscle, encompassing the piriform sinuses and the postcricoid region. Surgical procedures in these areas, such as tonsillectomy, tumor resections, and laryngectomies, require a thorough understanding of the mucosal layers, submucosa, muscular walls, and surrounding fascial planes. The vascularity and lymphatic drainage of these regions are also critical considerations, particularly in the management of head and neck cancers.

The larynx, or voice box, is located in the anterior neck and is primarily responsible for voice production and airway protection. It is composed of cartilaginous structures including the thyroid cartilage, cricoid cartilage, and arytenoid cartilages, all connected by muscles and ligaments. Key anatomical landmarks for surgeons include the epiglottis, vocal cords, false vocal cords, and the subglottic region. Laryngeal surgeries, such as laryngectomy or cordectomy, demand precise knowledge of the laryngeal framework, the intricate musculature controlling vocal cord function, and the relationship of the larynx to adjacent structures like the thyroid gland and the recurrent laryngeal nerves. Understanding the planes between these structures is vital for safe dissection and for preserving functional outcomes, such as voice and swallowing.

Surgical Considerations in the Nasopharynx and Oropharynx

Resections of tumors in the nasopharynx often involve transcervical, transoral, or endoscopic approaches, each requiring specific anatomical considerations. The close proximity of the nasopharynx to the skull base and cranial nerves necessitates meticulous dissection. For oropharyngeal lesions, transoral approaches, either with or without robotic assistance, are common. Surgeons must be aware of the rich vascularity of the palate and tongue base and the potential for significant bleeding. The location of the palatine tonsils and their surrounding musculature dictates the technique for tonsillectomy and the management of potential postoperative bleeding.

Laryngeal Framework and Vocal Cord Anatomy

The precise anatomy of the laryngeal cartilages and the intrinsic laryngeal muscles is crucial for functional laryngeal surgery. The vocal cords, formed by the vocalis muscle and vocal ligament, are the primary structures involved in phonation. Surgical interventions to preserve or reconstruct voice function require a detailed understanding of the spatial relationships of these structures and the

delicate nerves controlling their movement. The glottis, the space between the vocal cords, is a critical area to visualize and access during vocal cord surgery. The subglottic region, extending from the inferior aspect of the vocal cords to the cricoid cartilage, is important in pediatric airway surgery and in managing subglottic stenosis.

Anatomy of the Salivary Glands

The major salivary glands—parotid, submandibular, and sublingual—are integral to oral health and mastication. Their anatomical location and relationship to vital nerves and vascular structures make them frequent sites of surgical intervention for conditions such as tumors, infections, and sialolithiasis. The parotid gland is the largest salivary gland, situated anterior to the ear and extending inferiorly towards the angle of the mandible. It is famously divided into superficial and deep lobes by the facial nerve, which traverses through the gland, branching into its five terminal motor rami. Surgical extirpation of parotid tumors, such as pleomorphic adenoma or Warthin's tumor, necessitates meticulous dissection to preserve the facial nerve and its branches, preventing facial paralysis. The gland also has intimate relationships with the external carotid artery and vein, and the auriculotemporal nerve.

The submandibular gland is smaller than the parotid and lies beneath the mandible. It is closely associated with the submandibular ganglion and the marginal mandibular branch of the facial nerve, which courses superior to it. Surgical access to the submandibular gland for procedures like gland excision or stone removal requires careful identification and protection of these neural structures, as well as the submandibular duct. The sublingual gland, the smallest of the major salivary glands, is located on the floor of the mouth, beneath the mucous membrane. It has multiple small ducts that drain directly into the oral cavity. Surgical interventions on the sublingual gland are less common but require an understanding of its proximity to the lingual nerve and the floor of the mouth musculature.

Parotid Gland: Facial Nerve and Surgical Planes

The crucial facial nerve's course through the parotid gland dictates the surgical approach for parotidectomies. Surgeons meticulously identify the main trunk of the facial nerve as it emerges from the stylomastoid foramen and then follow its divisions. Understanding the fascial envelope surrounding the parotid gland and the planes between the superficial and deep lobes aids in safe dissection. Imaging modalities like ultrasound and CT scans are invaluable in pre-operative planning to delineate the extent of tumors and their relationship to the facial nerve.

Submandibular Gland and Marginal Mandibular Nerve Protection

The marginal mandibular branch of the facial nerve is a particular concern during submandibular gland surgery, as its injury can lead to a drooping of the corner of the mouth. Surgeons typically identify this nerve by its course along the inferior border of the mandible. The submandibular duct, a key anatomical structure for saliva transport, also requires careful attention during gland excision to avoid damage, which can lead to salivary fistula formation.

Anatomy of the Thyroid and Parathyroid Glands

The thyroid gland, an endocrine gland located in the anterior neck, is crucial for regulating metabolism. It is composed of two lobes connected by an isthmus, situated anterior to the trachea. Surgical procedures on the thyroid gland, such as thyroidectomy for benign or malignant conditions, require an intimate understanding of its rich vascular supply from the superior and inferior thyroid arteries and its lymphatic drainage. The recurrent laryngeal nerves, responsible for vocal cord function, lie in close proximity to the posterior aspect of the thyroid lobes, making their preservation a paramount concern during thyroid surgery. The superior laryngeal nerves also have an important relationship, with the external branch supplying the cricothyroid muscle.

The parathyroid glands, typically four in number, are small endocrine glands situated posterior to the thyroid gland. While their anatomical location can vary, they are commonly found in the upper and lower poles of the thyroid lobes. Surgical identification and preservation of these glands are critical, as their removal can lead to hypoparathyroidism, a condition characterized by low calcium levels. Surgeons must be adept at distinguishing parathyroid tissue from surrounding thyroid tissue and lymph nodes, often utilizing intraoperative techniques such as visual inspection, palpation, and, in some cases, intraoperative parathyroid hormone monitoring.

Thyroid Gland Vascularity and Nerve Relationships

The superior thyroid artery, a branch of the external carotid artery, supplies the superior pole of the thyroid, and its ligation is often performed early in thyroid surgery. The inferior thyroid artery, a branch of the thyrocervical trunk, supplies the inferior and posterior aspects of the gland. The recurrent laryngeal nerve's consistent relationship with the posteromedial aspect of the thyroid lobe is a critical anatomical landmark that surgeons meticulously identify and preserve to prevent vocal cord paralysis. Variations in the nerve's course, though rare, necessitate heightened vigilance.

Parathyroid Gland Identification and Preservation Techniques

The challenge in parathyroid surgery lies in the glands' small size and variable location. Surgeons rely on meticulous dissection, careful observation of their characteristic reddish-brown color, and palpation to identify them. The superior parathyroid glands are typically located within 1 cm of the superior pole of the thyroid, while the inferior parathyroid glands are more variable in location, often found near the inferior pole or in the tracheoesophageal groove. Autotransplantation of parathyroid tissue into the forearm is a common practice when identification and preservation are compromised, to mitigate the risk of permanent hypoparathyroidism.

Anatomy of the Oral Cavity and Oropharyngeal Structures

The oral cavity, the entry point for food and air, comprises the lips, cheeks, teeth, gums, tongue, hard and soft palate, and the floor of the mouth. The tongue, a muscular organ, is crucial for mastication, deglutition, and speech, with its base forming part of the oropharynx. The palatine tonsils, located within the tonsillar fossae, are lymphoid tissues of significant clinical relevance, often surgically addressed for infections or lymphoid hypertrophy. The floor of the mouth, beneath

the tongue, contains the sublingual glands and the openings of the submandibular ducts. Surgical interventions in this region, such as tongue resections, floor of mouth tumor removal, or tonsillectomy, demand a comprehensive understanding of the complex musculature, vascular supply from branches of the external carotid artery (e.g., lingual and facial arteries), and lymphatic drainage patterns, which are particularly important for staging and treating oral cancers.

The oropharynx extends from the soft palate superiorly to the epiglottis inferiorly. It includes the posterior one-third of the tongue, the palatine tonsils, the uvula, and the lateral and posterior pharyngeal walls. The muscles of the pharynx (superior, middle, and inferior constrictors) form its walls, and their coordinated action is essential for swallowing. The close proximity of the oropharynx to the skull base and the carotid sheath necessitates careful consideration during surgical procedures. The lymphatic drainage of the oral cavity and oropharynx is extensive, involving cervical lymph nodes, which is a critical factor in the management of squamous cell carcinoma arising in these regions.

Tongue and Floor of Mouth Anatomy for Surgical Resection

Resection of tumors involving the tongue or floor of the mouth requires meticulous attention to the intrinsic and extrinsic muscles of the tongue, the lingual artery and vein, and the hypoglossal nerve. The extent of resection is dictated by the tumor's size and location, and reconstructive techniques, such as free flaps or local tissue transfers, are often employed to restore function. The floor of the mouth's rich vascularity and its intricate relationship with the mandible and the floor of mouth muscles are key considerations in planning oncologic surgery.

Palatine Tonsils and Oropharyngeal Lymphatics

The palatine tonsils are nestled within the tonsillar fossae, bordered anteriorly by the palatoglossal arch and posteriorly by the palatopharyngeal arch. The superior and inferior tonsillar arteries are significant vascular supply, and their inadvertent injury during tonsillectomy can lead to postoperative hemorrhage. The lymphatic drainage of the tonsils and the remainder of the oropharynx involves multiple cervical lymph node levels, making accurate nodal staging essential for patients with oropharyngeal malignancies.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the clinical significance of the pterygopalatine fossa and its contents in head and neck surgery?

The pterygopalatine fossa is a critical surgical space containing the maxillary artery, maxillary nerve, and pterygopalatine ganglion. Understanding its anatomy is vital for managing epistaxis, tumors of the nasopharynx and palate, and performing procedures like pterygoid plate fractures reduction or accessing skull base lesions.

How does an understanding of the suprahyoid and infrahyoid muscles impact neck dissection procedures?

Knowledge of the suprahyoid muscles (geniohyoid, mylohyoid, digastric, stylohyoid) is crucial for procedures involving the floor of the mouth and submandibular region, such as submandibular gland excision or floor of mouth tumor resection. The infrahyoid muscles (sternohyoid, sternothyroid, thyrohyoid, omohyoid) are important to identify and preserve during thyroid surgery or anterior cervical spine surgery to maintain swallowing and neck mobility.

What are the key anatomical landmarks for safe navigation during endoscopic sinus surgery (ESS)?

Safe ESS relies on precise identification of key bony landmarks such as the lamina papyracea (orbital wall), ethmoid roof (anterior cranial fossa), sphenoid sinus ostium, optic nerve canal, and carotid artery projection. Understanding the variations in these structures is essential to avoid complications like orbital injury or CSF leak.

Explain the anatomical basis for the spread of head and neck cancers, particularly in relation to lymphatic drainage pathways.

Understanding lymphatic drainage is paramount. For example, oral cavity cancers often drain to submandibular and cervical lymph nodes. Oropharyngeal cancers spread to jugulodigastric and mid-cervical nodes. Nasopharyngeal cancers can involve retropharyngeal and parapharyngeal nodes. Variations in drainage pathways, such as skip metastases, necessitate comprehensive nodal assessment.

What is the surgical relevance of the carotid sheath and its contents in the management of neck masses and trauma?

The carotid sheath encloses the internal jugular vein, common/internal carotid artery, and vagus nerve. Its integrity is crucial. Surgical approaches to deep neck infections, carotid body tumors, or vascular neck trauma must carefully identify and protect these vital structures to prevent catastrophic bleeding or neurological deficits.

How does the anatomy of the larynx, particularly the intrinsic and extrinsic muscles and nerves, influence functional outcomes after laryngeal surgery?

The intricate anatomy of the larynx, including the intrinsic muscles responsible for vocal fold vibration (e.g., cricothyroid, thyroarytenoid) and extrinsic muscles influencing laryngeal elevation during swallowing, dictates voice production and airway protection. Preservation of the recurrent laryngeal nerve is paramount for vocal fold mobility. Damage to these structures can lead to dysphonia, aspiration, or airway compromise.

Additional Resources

Here are 9 book titles related to surgical anatomy of the head and neck, with descriptions:

1. *Surgical Anatomy of the Head and Neck: A Comprehensive Atlas*
This book offers a detailed, visually rich exploration of the anatomical structures crucial for head and neck surgery. It features high-quality illustrations and dissections, providing surgeons with a clear understanding of spatial relationships and critical landmarks. The text complements the visuals, explaining the surgical relevance of each anatomical feature and potential pitfalls. This atlas is an indispensable resource for residents and practicing surgeons seeking to refine their operative technique.

2. *Clinical Surgical Anatomy of the Skull Base and Neck*
Focusing on the intricate anatomy of the skull base and neck from a surgical perspective, this text bridges the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. It emphasizes the vascular and neural supply of these complex regions, highlighting their importance in surgical planning for both benign and malignant conditions. The book includes surgical approaches and dissection techniques, making it ideal for neurosurgeons, otolaryngologists, and plastic surgeons operating in these areas.

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Dedicated to the highly specialized anatomy of the larynx and pharynx, this atlas provides unparalleled detail for surgeons operating on these vital structures. It features detailed anatomical illustrations and photographic evidence from dissections, illustrating the precise location and relationships of nerves, vessels, and musculature. The book emphasizes the functional implications of anatomical variations and the surgical implications for procedures like laryngectomy, pharyngectomy, and reconstructive surgery.

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This specialized text offers an in-depth exploration of the intricate surgical anatomy of the temporal bone and lateral skull base. It meticulously details the bony architecture, cranial nerves, and vascular structures that are paramount for safe and effective surgical interventions in this region. The book is essential for otologists, neurotologists, and skull base surgeons, providing the foundational anatomical knowledge required for procedures such as mastoidectomy, cochlear implantation, and tumor resection.

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This volume, part of a larger series, presents anatomical information specifically tailored for surgeons in head and neck and neurological surgery specialties. It focuses on clinically relevant anatomical details, emphasizing structures that are frequently encountered during operative procedures. The book uses a clear and concise style, often with diagrams and tables, to highlight key anatomical landmarks and their surgical significance. It serves as a practical review and reference for both learning and recalling critical anatomical knowledge.

8. *Head and Neck Anatomy: A Surgical Perspective*
This book offers a pragmatic approach to head and neck anatomy, viewed through the lens of surgical practice. It prioritizes anatomical features that are most relevant for surgical exposure, dissection, and understanding potential complications. The text is designed to be used by surgeons at all levels, providing a solid foundation in the anatomical variations and critical structures they will encounter in the operating room. It aims to enhance surgical decision-making and improve patient outcomes.

9. *Textbook of Surgical Anatomy of the Head and Neck with Case Studies*
This comprehensive textbook combines detailed anatomical descriptions with illustrative case studies, bridging theoretical knowledge with real-world surgical scenarios. It systematically covers the anatomy of the head and neck, emphasizing structures of surgical importance and their relationships to common pathologies. The included case studies demonstrate how anatomical understanding directly influences surgical planning, execution, and the management of intraoperative challenges. This resource is invaluable for residents preparing for examinations and surgeons seeking to deepen their clinical anatomical expertise.

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