

# 1977

## 1976-1978

The introduction of microsurgical techniques in 1977 and 1978 was introduced for spinal surgery by the work of the famous neurosurgeon Mahmut Gazi Yasargil <sup>1)</sup> and Wolfhard Caspar <sup>2)</sup> and so-called **microdiscectomy** was introduced and represented an important evolution in **lumbar disc surgery**. Williams has also described “**microdiscectomy**” in 1978 <sup>3)</sup>.

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Kendall and Logue first published a description of a **spinal vascular malformation** in 1977 with the novel recognition that these were actually not intradural SAVMs, but rather dural-based lesions with drainage into the previously not yet described coronal plexus of veins.

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In 1977, **Twist drill craniostomy for chronic subdural hematoma** was introduced. <sup>4)</sup>.

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In 1977 Yamura and Makino coined the term “**syndrome of the sunken skin flap**” to describe the neurological symptoms due to a **craniectomy** defect <sup>5)</sup>.

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The discovery of **aciclovir** was announced in 1977.

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The first major **Cerebral Arteriovenous Malformation Grading** scheme developed by Luessenhop and Gennarelli in 1977 <sup>6)</sup> formulated a grade from I to IV based on the number of feeding arteries for which it is standardized nomenclature.

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