

Cavernous sinus cholesteatoma

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“Cavernous Sinus Cholesteatoma” is a misnomer. A cholesteatoma is an abnormal growth of skin cells that can occur in certain parts of the body, typically within the middle ear or other areas related to the ear.

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Patients with [cavernous sinus cholesteatoma](#) underwent surgery between June 2016 and June 2022 at the Department of Neurosurgery at the First Affiliated Hospital of Soochow University. Clinical data were obtained from all patients for analysis.

Common preoperative symptoms included headache, dizziness, diplopia, ptosis, and facial numbness. There were 7 patients with two or more symptoms. There were 13 patients with total resection and 3 patients with subtotal resection. There were 5 patients with improved postoperative symptoms, 10 patients with no significant change, and 1 patient with worse symptoms. New postoperative cranial nerve defects occurred in 4 patients. During the follow-up, all patients had favorable prognosis without progression.

Using the “double-scope” technique, the subtemporal approach, a surgical strategy for cavernous sinus cholesteatomas, was sufficient to completely resect the tumors ¹⁾.

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