

Clival defect

Reconstruction of large clival defects after an [endoscopic endonasal approach](#) is challenging.

A Extended nasoseptal flap, which adds the nasal floor and inferior meatus mucosa adds a significant area for reconstruction of the clivus. A defect laterally beyond the hypoglossal canals is not likely covered with this variation of the flap. Preoperative CT scans are useful to guide the reconstruction techniques ¹⁾.

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