

# Extended pterional transtemporal transtentorial approach

Extended pterional transtemporal [transtentorial approach](#) (EPTT).

Through anatomic comparative analysis the EPTT approach provides better exposure and is more appropriate than the [subtemporal transtentorial approach](#) (ST approach) for large and giant petroclival tumors predominantly in the posterior cranial fossa with extensive invasion to parasellar structures and the cavernous sinus <sup>1)</sup>.

<sup>1)</sup>

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