

Gerard Guiot



Gerard Guiot (1912–1998) was one of the most renowned and innovative [neurosurgeons](#) of the 20th century. His pivotal and revolutionary role in advancing [transsphenoidal surgery](#) has been recorded in many historical vignettes, yet his outstanding contributions to the advancement of neurosurgery outside the confines of the sella have not been described in a detailed fashion.

In a article, Krisht et al., discuss the life and achievements of Professor Guiot and present a comprehensive description of his contributions to the field of neurosurgery, including cerebrovascular, spine, craniofacial, stereotactic functional, and endoscopic surgery ¹⁾.

[Gerard Guiot](#), inspired by [Norman McOmish Dott](#), adopted his technique and used intraoperative radiofluoroscopic technique for image guidance. [Jules Hardy](#), a fellow of Guiot, from [Montreal, Canada](#), revolutionized transsphenoidal microsurgery with the introduction of the binocular microscope and selective adenomectomy ²⁾.

Gerard Guiot is recognized as the first neurosurgeon to use the endoscope in the [transsphenoidal approach](#), although he abandoned the procedure because of inadequate visualization ^{3) 4)}

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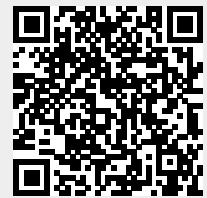
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