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CRANIAL NERVE SURGERY

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In the past decade there has been a significant expansion of interest in the surgical treatment of lesions involving the brainstem and the base of the skull. With that increased focus on brain stem and skull base surgery there has also been an increased attention to the anatomy and function of the cranial nerves and to their surgical repair.

For this issue of Neurosurgical Focus, four papers dealing with these topics have been selected from those submitted. All submitted manuscripts were reviewed by at least three knowledgeable individuals who provided the issue editor with guidance for manuscript selection and who made recommendations to the authors of accepted papers concerning improvements to their manuscript. A few of the reviewers also prepared comments for simultaneous electronic publication.