

“Thyroidectomy in Australia 2022: Lessons from 21,000 Consecutive Cases”. Published in ANZ Journal of Surgery

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To the Editor,

Dear ma'am,

We read with interest the article “Thyroidectomy in Australia 2022: Lessons from 21,000 Consecutive Cases”,¹ a landmark article published in ANZ Journal of Surgery. The authors from the reputed Royal North Shore Hospital Sydney describe their modern-day approach to total thyroidectomy and how minor refinements have evolved over three decades and in their experience of operating 21,000 cases. The routine use of intraoperative neuromonitoring, use of advanced energy devices, and routine supplementation of calcium supplements in the postoperative period to name a few of such modifications evolving over years. Table 1 in the article, adapted from the previous article by Delbridge 2003,² highlights the present-day hybrid approach to RLN, retrograde dissection, and also routine identification and preservation of EBSLN.

The article also highlights the approach to parathyroid glands, the use of PTH post-thyroidectomy, and use of infrared/ICG detection systems. We found this article useful and recommend it to our fellow Indian Endocrine Surgeons to read and benefit.

Thanks for commenting on these issues.

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