

### Introduction

An understanding of the mechanism of formation of arachnoid fold around vestibular schwannoma is crucial in preserving the anatomical integrity of 7th nerve

### Methods

The author, who has an operative experience of 778 cases of vestibular schwannomas, describes the technical pearls for preservation of facial nerve. The essential initial step is peeling of the double layer of arachnoid from the posterior tumor surface. After reduction of the tumor volume, continued dissection of the arachnoid fold toward the brainstem can be achieved without opening the arachnoid over the fifth and lower cranial nerves, which are in separate cisterns.

### Results

The key element in successful vestibular schwannoma is understanding that flattened facial and cochlear nerves do not have a arachnoid separating them from the tumor capsule which is essentially the compressed and attenuated perineurium of the vestibular nerve from which tumor has grown. If the tumor cannot be dissected from 7th nerve easily, a sub-perineural dissection is advised

### Conclusions

: Acoustic neurinoma surgeons should strive to keep anatomical integrity of 7th nerve even in large acoustic tumors.

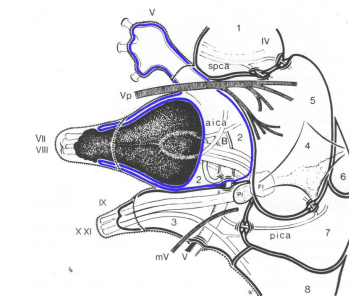
### Learning Objectives

Contrary to the age old belief, no arachnoid membrane separates tumor capsule from 7th and cochlear nerves

Intracranial Neurinomas (1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1984 to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016)  
Total no of operated intracranial schwannomas :1317

• Vestibular schwannoma	1148
• Trigeminal schwannoma	93
• IX, X, XI, XII	70
• GSPN Schwannoma	03
• Oculomotor	02

- ❖ Feb 1998 to July 10th 2016
- ❖ 804 consecutive patients of vestibular schwannoma operated by retrosigmoid – transmeatal approach by the author
- ❖ operative mortality 9/804(1.1%)

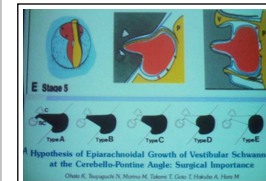


**Is an Acoustic Neuroma an Epiarachnoid or Subarachnoid Tumor?**

**BACKGROUND:** There are arguments about whether acoustic neuromas are epiarachnoid or subarachnoid tumors.

**OBJECTIVE:** To retrospectively examine 118 consecutively operated on patients with acoustic neuromas to clarify this point.

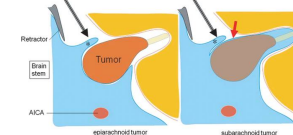
**METHODS:** Epiarachnoid tumors are defined by the absence of an arachnoid membrane on the tumor surface after removing the arachnoid fold (double layer of the arachnoid).



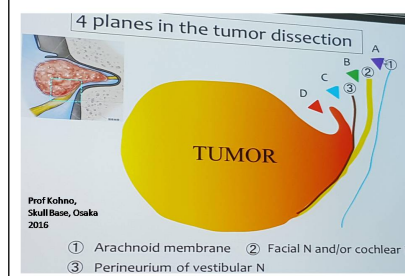
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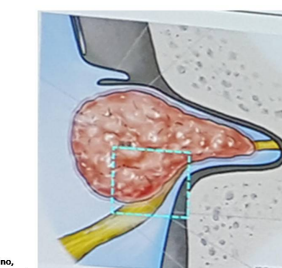
### Subarachnoid tumor



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