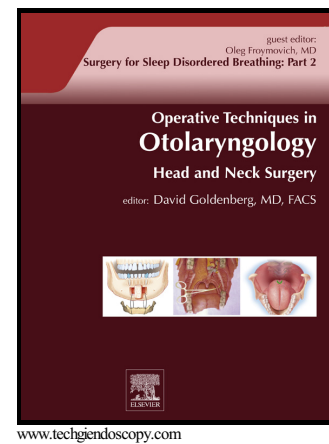


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Abstract:

A variety of reconstructive methods exist for defects involving the middle third of the auricle. Depending on the specific three-dimensional characteristics of a defect, local flaps involving the rearrangement of adjacent tissues are oftentimes effective and aesthetically favorable procedures. In this paper we describe two techniques for reconstructing defects of the middle third of the auricle: the pedicled post-auricular interpolation flap and single- or bi-pedicled chondrocutaneous composite advancement flaps.

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