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| Abstract |
| Standard operative techniques for thyroidectomy have become well refined and widely disseminated. However, special circumstances, such as superior pole thyroid cancers, can present unique difficulties for |

the unprepared surgeon. Appropriate workup and appreciation of the unique anatomic relationships in the

superior-most extent of the thyroid gland is vital in surgical planning. The ability to anticipate and manage a variety of contingencies such as superior laryngeal nerve sacrifice, vascular isolation / repair, laryngectomy, and repair of pharyngeal defects are essential for safe surgery for cancers of the extreme

superior thyroid pole.

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