



Recent Advances in Otitis Media and Cholesteatoma

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Dear Colleagues,

Otitis media describes a diverse spectrum of pathologic conditions that result in inflammation of the middle ear and mastoid cavity. While a bacterial or viral infection and/or eustachian tube dysfunction are traditional key factors in otitis media, more complicated pathophysiological conditions seem to be involved in middle ear cholesteatoma and some newly characterized otitis media.

Surgery is still the only therapeutic measure in cholesteatoma, usually involving a mastoidectomy and tympanoplasty to repair the tympanic membrane and the ossicles to improve hearing. Recently, auditory implants are becoming new treatment options for hearing rehabilitation after extensive cholesteatoma surgery in patients where conventional middle ear reconstruction is ineffective or impossible.

In this Special Issue, we are inviting original or review articles covering the cellular biology, bacteriology, epidemiology, genetic advances, middle ear mechanics/physiology, temporal bone pathology, imaging technologies, tympanomastoid surgery and hearing rehabilitation in the context of otitis media and cholesteatoma.





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