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This month's cover highlights the article "Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa Inhibitors in Prevention and Rescue Treatment of Thromboembolic Complications During

Endovascular Embolization of Intracranial Aneurysms." This artwork demonstrates the primary sites of platelet adhesion and aggregation, and currently available inhibitors of platelet aggregation. The interaction between von Willebrand factor and glycoprotein (GP) Ib-alpha is the focal point of platelet adhesion. Following initial activation, GP IIb/IIIa undergoes a conformational change at the platelet surface, rendering it active. Fibrinogen can then bind the active epitope of GP IIb/IIIa, resulting in platelet cross-linking and aggregation. Dynamic pathways that help activate and aggregate platelets include thromboxane A2, which binds the TP-alpha receptor on the platelet surface, and adenosine diphosphate (ADP), which binds to the P2Y12 platelet receptor. Read more on p. 268.



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There is a myriad of head and neck pathologies that extend from the extracranial to the intracranial compartment, traversing the skull base, and knowledge of the imaging appearance of this pathology is critical to practicing neurosurgeons. This article will review some of the important inflammatory or acquired head and neck pathology along the skull base, neoplastic skull base lesions, and the intracranial extension of head and neck malignancy. Focus will be on the relevant anatomy, appropriate imaging protocols to evaluate these processes, as well as the differentiating imaging findings on CT and MRI.

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