Editorial Comment

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The emphasis continues to change over the years. Thus, this time the pituitary region attracted more interest than any other topic. It may be stated that while there are advances, consistent success in this region remains elusive. Nonetheless, a strong case is made for Gamma Knife radiosurgery as a most appropriate therapy for failed surgery, provided the tumor is not too large. The question of adequate therapeutic dose remains a continuing concern and one group has introduced interesting new material suggesting that for meningiomas a lower than conventional dose may be appropriate. It is suggested that cysts with primary intracerebral tumors may not be appropriate for radiosurgery alone. Since cystic variants occur in a significant minority of other tumor types and since their significance for choice of radiosurgery remains controversial, further study of this topic remains important. Other interesting and important topics are discussed in this supplement. This Society continues to expand knowledge about the basic indications for radiosurgery while extending it into new regions.

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