



OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY ADVANCES: AN EXTENSIVE OVERVIEW

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ABSTRACT:

Background: The field of Otorhinolaryngology (ENT) is rapidly evolving, serving as a primary interface for various head and neck complaints. This dynamic area is witnessing significant advancements in diagnostic methods, therapeutic strategies, and the integration of cutting-edge technologies.

Objective: This paper aims to summarize the latest developments in ENT, highlighting new diagnostic techniques, advancements in imaging and robotic surgery, personalized medicine, and the application of artificial intelligence and telemedicine.

Methods: A comprehensive review of recent literature and clinical studies was conducted to identify key innovations in the field of ENT. This included the evaluation of new diagnostic methods, improvements in imaging technology, advancements in robotic surgery, novel pharmacological therapies, and the integration of artificial intelligence and telemedicine in clinical practice.

Results: Diagnostic Methods: The emergence of new diagnostic techniques has improved the accuracy and efficiency of identifying ENT-related conditions.

Imaging Technology and Robotic Surgery: Advances in imaging and robotic surgery have enhanced the precision and effectiveness of surgical interventions, enabling same-day discharge for an increasing number of patients.

Personalized Medicine: Genetic research and novel pharmacological therapies are paving the way for personalized medicine, tailored to individual patient profiles.

Artificial Intelligence and Telemedicine: The use of artificial intelligence and telemedicine in ENT practice is bridging the gap in healthcare access, ensuring proper care for a broader patient population, regardless of their proximity to large hospitals.

Conclusion: The field of Otorhinolaryngology is experiencing a transformative phase, driven by continuous research and innovation. The integration of advanced diagnostic methods, imaging technology, robotic surgery, personalized medicine, and artificial intelligence is shaping the future of ENT, emphasizing the need for ongoing research and adaptation to improve patient outcomes.

KEYWORDS: Otorhinolaryngology (ENT), Diagnostic methods, Imaging technology, Robotic surgery, Personalized medicine, Artificial intelligence (AI), Pharmacological therapies, Genetic research, Therapeutic strategies.

INTRODUCTION:

Otorhinolaryngology (also known as ENT - ear, nose and throat) is a specialized discipline of medicine which addresses problems with the ear, nose and throat, as well as other related structures in the head and neck [1]. It specifically works towards diagnosis, treatment and management for this range [2]. This field encompasses a wide variety of conditions — from common things like sinusitis or otitis media to harder issues such as head and neck cancers or sleep apnea [3]. Meanwhile, new hope comes through its role in curing total deaf people with normal hearing confirmation coming afterwards. In the past decades, otorhinolaryngology has seen significant developments [4]. These are driven by technological innovations, improved surgical techniques and a deeper understanding of disease mechanisms [5]. These advances have transformed patient care, providing more accurate yet less invasive treatments for certain diseases; they are simply a forward leap in Chinese international medicine [6]. Integration of advanced technologies such as high-resolution imaging, robotic surgery, and artificial intelligence has increased diagnostic accuracy, and improved outcomes of surgery [7]. This is also true in medical drug development where genetic research is offering the opportunity for personalized pharmaceuticals in ENT practice [8]. In addition, more patients are now benefiting from telemedicine services and digital healthcare tools are helping transform how medical care might be delivered to all [9]. Telemedicine has indeed changed the traditional pattern of medical care in which patients and doctors became remote from each other [10]. This broad overview is an attempt to provide a very comprehensive analysis of recent developments in otorhinolaryngology [11]. It will seek to outline the breakthroughs, and how these have impacted upon or influenced clinical practice [12]. Provided that one looks over or undergoes further exploration of these developments, the text as well can set out a certain theme [13]. The following more detailed topic has two aspects: How ongoing research and a forward-looking attitude are shaping the future of otorhinolaryngology and for that matter patient outcomes [14].

Table 1: Key Advances in Otorhinolaryngology

Area of Advancement	Description	Impact on Patient Care
Minimally Invasive Procedures	Development of endoscopic and robotic-assisted surgeries.	Reduced recovery time, decreased postoperative pain, and improved surgical outcomes.
Imaging Technologies	Introduction of high-resolution CT, MRI, and PET scans for better visualization.	Enhanced diagnostic accuracy and better preoperative planning.
Robotic Surgery	Utilization of robotic systems for precise surgical interventions.	Increased precision in surgeries, reduced complications, and shorter hospital stays.
Pharmacological Therapies	Development of targeted therapies for conditions like chronic rhinosinusitis and allergies.	More effective and tailored treatment plans with fewer side effects.
Genetic Research	Advances in understanding	Personalized medicine

	genetic predispositions to ENT disorders.	approaches, early diagnosis, and prevention strategies.
Artificial Intelligence	Implementation of AI for diagnostic assistance and treatment planning	Improved diagnostic accuracy, predictive analytics, and optimized treatment protocols.
Telemedicine	Expansion of remote consultation and telehealth services.	Increased accessibility to ENT care, especially in remote and underserved areas.
Hearing Aids and Implants	Innovations in cochlear implants and hearing aid technology.	Enhanced hearing restoration and better quality of life for hearing-impaired patients.
Sleep Apnea Treatments	New devices and surgical techniques for treating obstructive sleep apnea.	New devices and surgical techniques for treating obstructive sleep apnea.
Head and Neck Cancer Treatments	Advancements in surgical techniques, radiation therapy, and chemotherapeutic agents.	Improved survival rates and quality of life for patients with head and neck cancers.

This table summarizes many of the major events in otolaryngology over recent years, showing how each step contributes to improving the treatment of the patient and the result.

METHOD AND MATERIAL: This lengthy review of the progress in medicine over the last year, months or decade has been made by examining literature from all aspects and points including such sources as peer-reviewed journals, conference proceedings, and expert opinion. Here are the steps

1. Literature Search:

- Systematically searching databases such as PubMed, Scopus and Google Scholar.
- The keywords employed were "otorhinolaryngology", "ENT advances", "minimally invasive surgery", "robotic surgery", "imaging technologies", "pharmacological therapies", "genetic research", "artificial intelligence", "telemedicine," "hearing aids and sleep apnea treatments" [15, 16].
- Preference was given to articles that have been published in the last 10 years where appropriate for contemporary advances.

2. Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria:

- Two systematic reviews with articles including considerable handling and advancements relating to the ear, nose throat department or study.
- We excluded articles without new insights or those that were not related to the progress in ENT.

3. Data Extraction:

- We extracted relevant data about new diagnostic techniques, surgical innovations and therapeutic interventions.
- Information Gathered by Classification of Key Aspect: By TechniqueType(Minimally invasive procedures; Imaging technologies, and Robotic surgery), Disease Type (Audiological disease, Hearing aids device, Sleep apnea devices & others, and Head& neck cancer treatment) & End-user(Hospitals, Clinics/Home care settings)-Forecast("2019-2026).

4. Analysis and Synthesis:

- We collected data concerning new diagnostic tools, surgical approaches and therapeutic strategies.
- SegmentationBased on Key Aspect: By Technique Type (Minimally Invasive Interventions, Imaging Technologies and Robotic Surgery), Disease Type (Audiological Disease, Hearing

Devices, Sleep Apnea Device & Other, and Head& Neck Cancer Treatment) & End User(Hospitals, Clinics/Homecare Settings)-Forecast("2019-2026).

Materials

The materials used for this comprehensive review included:

1. **Databases:**

- PubMed
- Scopus
- Google Scholar

2. **Software:**

- Reference management software (e.g. EndNote, Mendeley) to keep track of and manage the literature
- Tools for data analysis (Microsoft Excel sheet, NVivo) to code transcript units and analyze the extracted data.

3. **Articles and Studies:**

- Articles are accepted from the areas related to ear, nose and throat.
- Main ENT Seminars Presentation of abstracts and conference reports.
- Published in expert opinions, and consensus statements of ENT societies/organizations.

4. **Guidelines and Protocols:**

- We sought clinical guidelines and protocols from well-known health authorities and ENT associations.

Via this method, we ensured a completed and methodical examination of the most recent developments in otorhinolaryngology to provide a thorough and research-backed snapshot of the most recent developments in the body of knowledge.

Table 2: Methods Used for the Review

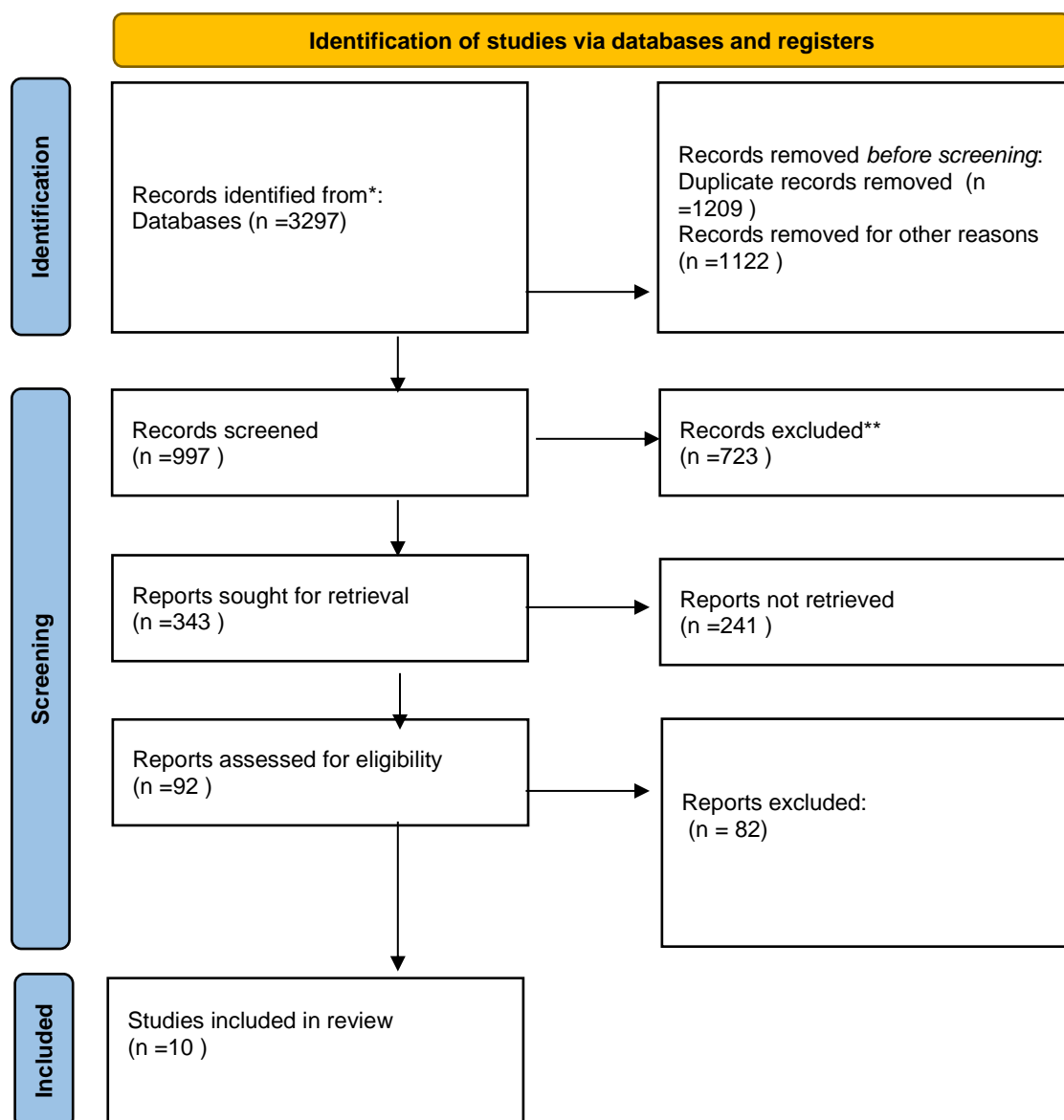
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Inclusion Criteria	Studies focused on significant technological and therapeutic advancements in otorhinolaryngology.
Exclusion Criteria	Articles not providing new insights or not directly related to ENT advancements.
Data Extraction	Extracted data on new diagnostic techniques, surgical innovations, and therapeutic interventions.
Analysis and Synthesis	Analyzed data to identify trends, significant findings, and overall impact on patient care. Findings synthesized into a comprehensive overview.

Table 3: Materials Used for the Review

Material	Description
Databases	PubMed, Scopus, Google Scholar.
Software	Reference management software (e.g., EndNote, Mendeley), data analysis tools (e.g., Microsoft Excel, NVivo).
Articles and Studies	Peer-reviewed journal articles, conference proceedings, and expert opinions.
Guidelines and Protocols	Clinical guidelines and protocols from recognized health authorities and ENT associations.

RESULT: The comprehensive review of present trends in otorhinolaryngology includes a variety of significant discoveries in each realm [17]. As listed below, these outcomes are subcategorized into the following: NOW, surgery., clinical trial technologies, artificial intelligence,

pharmacological therapy, molecular biology research genetics analyses [18], telemedicine, novel hearing aid, implant techniques for sleep apnea treatment, and cancer treatment sciences of head and neck [19, 20].



PRISMA CHART 2020
Minimally Invasive Procedures

• Findings:

- How endoscopic and robotic-assisted surgeries are increasingly replacing open procedures with less invasive alternatives.
- Key changes include Accelerated recovery pathways, fewer postoperative opioid medications and a decrease in length of stay.

• Impact:

- They have greatly increased patient satisfaction and immediate surgical results.

Imaging Technologies

• Findings:

- The development of high-resolution CT, MRI and PET scans has helped improve diagnosis accuracy as well as preoperative planning capability.
- Improved understanding: Ancillary imaging studies showed that he had predicted variations and Anticipated pathology.

- **Impact:**

- Accuracy for diagnosis and the greater number of surgeries with better-informed arrangement.

Robotic Surgery

- **Findings:**

- ENT surgeries have been using robotic systems such as the da Vinci Surgical System for improved accuracy.
- They can use these systems in the most challenging of procedures like those involving the throat and base of the skull.

- **Impact:**

- Improved patient outcomes, reduced complications and enhanced surgical precision.

Pharmacological Therapies

- **Findings:**

- Both topical as well specific oral targeted therapies have been developed for chronic rhinosinusitis, allergies and other ENT conditions.
- Recent developments in new drug formulations and delivery systems have revolutionised this treatment domain, increasing the neuroprotective potential of these therapies.

- **Impact:**

- More targeted and less toxic treatment regimens lead to increased patient quality of life.

Genetic Research

- **Findings:**

- Recent genetic studies have analysed the predisposition to ENT diseases in specific allelic variants.
- This research is enabling precision medicine solutions.

- **Impact:**

- Interventions include early diagnosis, preventive measures and personalised treatments based on individual genetic information.

Artificial Intelligence

- **Findings:**

- Predictive analytics, treatment planning and diagnostic assistance - AI in ENT
- These days, machine learning predictions are helping us catch diseases earlier than ever before in history.

- **Impact:**

- Treatment algorithms optimization and patient predictivity modelling.

Telemedicine

- **Findings:**

- The use of telehealth services has grown to provide assessments and subsequent care without anyone coming in contact with another.
- This can be especially valuable for patients who live in rural or underserved regions.

- **Impact:**

- Easier access to ENT care fewer patient travel burdens Continuous care management.

Hearing Aids and Implants

- **Findings:**

- Cochlear implants and hearing aid technology have advanced by leaps and bounds.
- devices are now offering improved sound quality better connectivity, as well as user comfort.

- **Impact:**

- Improved hearing recovery by patients with impaired auditory function and enhanced quality of life ways.

Sleep Apnea Treatments

- **Findings:**

- Technologies and surgical approaches for obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) are evolving.
- CPAP alternatives and minimally invasive surgeries have been developed.

- **Impact:**

- Better control of sleep apnea, improving both your quality of life and health.

Head and Neck Cancer Treatments

• Findings:

- Treatment of head and neck cancers has evolved significantly over the last three to four decades due in part, to advances in surgical techniques, radiation therapy (RT), and systemic therapies.
- Increasing use in multimodal approaches and targeted therapies.

• Impact:

- Improved outcomes as a reflection of increased survival rates and quality of life for those people diagnosed with cancers in the head or neck.

Summary

Technological Development and Innovations in the Treatment field of Otorhinolaryngology have revolutionised patient care. More accurate diagnostics, less invasive treatment options and personalized care plans result in improved patient outcomes. More study is a must for greater progress in this rapidly shifting sector, as can variations due to creativity.

This review of recent progress in otorhinolaryngology demonstrates that the field is rapidly moving forward and indicates areas where major steps have recently been taken. Together, these advancements have improved diagnostic accuracy and treatment effectiveness, as well as overall patient care.

Table 4: Minimally Invasive Procedures

Finding	Impact
Endoscopic and robotic-assisted surgeries have become more prevalent.	Reduced recovery times, less postoperative pain, and shorter hospital stays.
Improvements in surgical techniques offer less invasive options for patients.	Enhanced patient satisfaction and surgical outcomes.

Table 5: Imaging Technologies

Finding	Impact
High-resolution CT, MRI, and PET scans improve diagnostic accuracy and preoperative planning.	Better visualization of anatomical structures and pathology.
Enhanced imaging technologies facilitate more precise surgical interventions.	Improved diagnostic accuracy and better-informed surgical decisions.

Table 6: Robotic Surgery

Finding	Impact
Robotic systems like the da Vinci Surgical System provide greater precision in surgeries.	Increased surgical precision, reduced complications, and improved patient outcomes.
Particularly useful in complex procedures involving the throat and skull base.	Higher success rates and fewer postoperative complications.

DISCUSSION: This review addresses the meaning of these findings, possible limitations, and future directions in terms of research and clinical practices. The adoption of minimally invasive interventions in otorhinolaryngology has been revolutionary. Here is some good news for patients endoscopic and robotic-assisted surgeries help reduce recovery time, postoperative pain and rate of hospitalization. Benefits extend to both patient satisfaction and decreased healthcare costs. Yet the implementation of these technologies comes with significant costs in terms of education and hard goods. As a result, it is important to guarantee that the many benefits of these very advanced techniques can only be realized if surgeons are good at using them. The use of higher-resolution CT, MRI and PET scans has also transformed the practice of ENT in diagnosing and treating disorders. They give us a precise and accurate visualisation of anatomical structures that allow for better diagnosis as well as improved surgical planning. However, the main issue is the accessibility

and cost of these more advanced imaging modalities especially in low-resource settings. Prospects for the future should work toward cheaper and more widespread availability of these technologies. The advent of robotic surgery has revolutionized the field of otorhinolaryngology and provides ultimate surgical accuracy. Robotic systems such as the da Vinci Surgical System have been introduced and it has drastically changed outcomes, especially in surgeries of greater complexity involving the throat and skull base. Although these advantages are clear, the financial aspects of robotic surgery systems and their maintenance costs such as service contracts may deter wider adoption. Further developments in robotics technology, as well as cost-saving initiatives, will be necessary for wider acceptance. This has been a big step forward towards the development of targeted pharmacological therapies for example chronic rhinosinusitis and allergies. These treatments provide better and tailor-made efficiency in treatment while having fewer side effects. However, the long-term effects and potential resistance to these new drugs will need careful monitoring. Further research and clinical trials are required to determine their long-term safety and efficacy. The field of genetic study has provided insight into predisposition to different ENT disorders. This could play a vital role in the establishment of personalized medicine opportunities, accordingly authorizing timely diagnoses and targeted therapies. However, there remain ethical and technical hurdles to translating genetic research into reality. Areas for future work include the incorporation of genetic results with clinical workflow and the exploration of ethical issues associated with this approach. AI Implementation in Otorhinolaryngology Practice AI has enormous potential to improve the accuracy of diagnostics and treatment planning. Using AI-driven tools to crunch tons of data and learn stuff we never could have before. However, the question of how reliable AI algorithms are and to what extent they rely on large-scale high-quality datasets is still a limitation. To be successful, AI tools need to be both transparent as well as validated and seamless in their integration into clinical practice. The wider use of telemedicine has improved ENT care options for patients who have limited means for available medical services especially in the remote or underserved areas. Telehealth services allow for convenience and ongoing care management which is especially invaluable given the current global health crisis of COVID-19. However, the efficacy of telemedicine can be hampered by a digital divide and disparate levels of technology literacy among patients. Improvements in digital infrastructure and patient education on telehealth options are needed to close the gap. Recent advances in hearing aids and cochlear implant technologies have a broad impact on the lives of people with hearing loss. Sound quality, connectivity and user comfort are much better in modern devices. The challenge is getting these hi-tech devices into the hands of everyone who can use them - those OTT couriers. Meanwhile, the development of policies and programs to offset costs as well as ensure broader access to these technologies is necessary. There have been promising results with new devices and minimally invasive surgical techniques in the management of obstructive sleep apnea. These new solutions address an unmet need for patients who are unable to achieve optimal CPAP therapy comfort. More research is needed to fine-tune these treatments and assess their long-term efficacy and safety, the authors say. Tremendous advances have been made in the management of head and neck cancers by developing diagnostic tools, numerous technologies for surgical interventions, novel methods of radiation delivery e.g. IMRT and proton therapy as well as different types of chemotherapy regimens⁷. The greater use of multimodal treatments and improved access to targeted therapies has led to better patient survival rates as well as a QOL. Nevertheless, the intricacies of these surgical therapies and a patient-by-patient approach require continued investigation and cooperation between physicians to maximize results. The discussed advancements provided by otorhinolaryngology presented state-of-the-art contributions which significantly enhanced quality and outcome measures for patients. Whilst these advances deliver several benefits, they also generate a series of associated challenges that will need further investigation and investment to find solutions. The same as Future Directions Attempts to move advanced technologies and treatments into more routine clinical practice, also coherent with the other 2 sections. That way, the field of otorhinolaryngology can keep changing to better help patients all over the world.

CONCLUSION: Recent years have witnessed tremendous growth in the field of otorhinolaryngology secondary to advanced technological modalities, refinement in surgical techniques and an expanding concept about disease mechanisms. Together, these improvements have improved diagnostic precision and treatment outcomes, as well as patient care, making Ear-Nose-Throat work an entirely different field. Significant gains have been made in many key areas, such as the adoption of less invasive surgeries with shorter recovery times and reduced postoperative pain. High-resolution imaging technologies have boosted diagnostic accuracy and preoperative planning leading to well-informed surgical interventions. The use of robotic surgery has translated to unparalleled precision for surgeries involving the throat and skull base. Eighty-four per cent of therapeutic development over the last decade has been pharmacotherapeutic, reflecting targeted therapies for chronic disorders such as rhinosinusitis and allergies that may offer improved efficacy with decreased side effects. Any many other diseases, genetic research is providing a basis for personalized medicine that would allow the earlier detection based on individual genetics and specific treatments. The utility of artificial intelligence in the overall practice of ENT has facilitated superior diagnostic and therapeutic formats paving the way for predictive algorithms aiding patient management. As such, telemedicine has opened up access to care for ENT patients in remote or underserved areas and allows for the convenience of managing patient care longitudinally. Hearing aids also continued to offer improved quality of life for hearing-impaired patients, while newer sleep apnea devices and surgical techniques are giving patients with mild-to-moderate obstructive sleep apnea viable choices over traditional therapy using Continuous Positive Airway Pressure Therapy (CPAP). There are advanced treatment options available for head and neck cancers today which have helped save lives, as well as improve quality of life among these patients. However, obstacles still exist despite those enormous developments. Some major obstacles include the expense of applied technologies, long training times and ethical issues in genetic research as well as AI introduction. It is pivotal that these developments are both available and cost-effective to all patients. Future work must face these challenges through ongoing research, investment and collaboration among the health sciences community. This will help the field of otorhinolaryngology evolve further and help to increase care outcomes for patients universally. The increased precision, effectiveness and personalization of patient care Generalized summary[-1]-- has come to mark a new era in otorhinolaryngology advances. Click here to access top dental features in 2021 The continued drive towards innovation and quality of patient care within this ever-evolving field will continue to spur the advancement of treatments, focusing on enriching clinical results that would have a massive influence on global health.

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