Innovations with the scapula and subscapular system for head and neck microvascular reconstruction

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Scapula Survey – Version 3

- 1. What approach do you use?
- a. Parascapular approach always
- b. Thoracodorsal approach always
- c. Both depends on the case and what is needed for reconstruction
- 2. How do you prep and drape for scapula harvest?
- a. Two preps/drapes one for the ablative portion and one for the reconstructive portion
- b. One prep/drape sequential harvest
- c. One prep/drape simultaneous harvest
- 3. Do you use a spider arm to hold the arm during harvest?
- a. Yes
- b. No

- 4. How often do you harvest a TDAP if you are also harvesting scapula bone?
- a. Never
- b. 1-25% of the time
- c. 26-50% of the time
- d. 51-75% of the time
- e. 76-100% of the time
- 5. How often do you harvest a TDAP if you are doing a soft tissue reconstruction only?
- a. Never
- b. 1-25% of the time
- c. 26-50% of the time
- d. 51-75% of the time
- e. 76-100% of the time
- 6. How often do you harvest two separate skin paddles (for either a bone or soft tissue only reconstruction?
- a. Never
- b. 1-25% of the time
- c. 26-50% of the time
- d. 51-75% of the time
- e. 76-100% of the time
- 7. Do you prefer to harvest scapula bone on the circumflex scapular artery or the angular

artery?

- a. Circumflex
- b. Angular
- 8. How much bone do you feel comfortable harvesting based on the angular artery?
- a. Tip of the scapula only
- b. 1-5cm of the lateral border
- c. 1-8cm of the lateral border
- d. Up to 12cm of the lateral border
- e. I don't harvest based on the angular artery.
- 9. How much bone do you feel comfortable harvesting based on the circumflex scapular artery?

- a. 1-5cm of the lateral border
- b. 1-8cm of the lateral border
- c. Up to 12cm of the lateral border
- d. I don't harvest based on the circumflex scapular artery
- 10. How many osteotomies would you make in a scapula?
- a. None
- b. One
- c. Two
- d. Three or more
- 11. Do you prefer green stick osteotomies or closing osteotomies?
- a. Green stick
- b. Closing
- 12. Do you use virtual surgical planning and cutting guides for scapula reconstruction?
- a. Yes
- b. No
- 13. Do you put dental implants into scapula reconstructions?
- a. Yes
- b. No
- 14. Which side do you prefer to harvest the scapula from?
- a. Same side as the defect
- b. Contralateral side as the defect
- c. Non-dominant arm regardless of defect side
- 15. Do you prefer to orient the scapula vertically or horizontally for a mandible

reconstruction?

- a. Vertical
- b. Horizontal
- 16. Do you have patients wear a sling for comfort in the postoperative period?
- a. Yes
- b. No
- 17. When do you have patients starting doing range of motion exercises?
- a. Immediately (POD0-1)

b. POD2-	-3
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- c. POD4-5
- d. POD6-7
- 18. Do you position full lateral or lazy lateral (30 degree bump on a bean bag)?
- a. Full lateral
- b. Lazy lateral (approximate 30 degree bump)
- 19. Have you had a branchial plexus injury?
- a. Yes
- b. No
- 20. If you had a branchial plexus injury, did the patient recover fully?
- a. Yes
- b. No
- 21. Do you obtain a preoperative CTA to assess vessel anatomy of the subscapular system?
- a. Yes
- b. No
- 22. Will you harvest a scapula from a shoulder that has undergone prior surgery?
- a. Yes
- b. No
- 23. Have you aborted harvesting a scapula free flap?
- a. Yes
- b. No

Please write in the reason why you had to abort harvesting the flap: