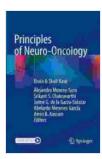
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Neuro oncology is a subspecialty of medicine that focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of tumors of the central nervous system (CNS). CNS tumors can occur in the brain, spinal cord, or cranial nerves. Brain skull base tumors are a type of CNS tumor that occurs in the area where the brain meets the skull. These tumors can be benign or malignant, and they can vary in size and location.

Types of Brain Skull Base Tumors

There are many different types of brain skull base tumors. Some of the most common types include:

* Meningiomas are benign tumors that arise from the meninges, the membranes that cover the brain and spinal cord. * Schwannomas are benign tumors that arise from the Schwann cells, which are the cells that insulate the nerves. * Pituitary adenomas are benign tumors that arise from the pituitary gland, which is a small gland located at the base of the brain. * Craniopharyngiomas are benign tumors that arise from the remnants of the pituitary gland. * Epidermoid cysts are benign tumors that are filled with keratin, a protein that is found in skin and hair. * Chordomas are malignant tumors that arise from the notochord, a structure that is present in the developing embryo. * Chondrosarcomas are malignant tumors that arise from cartilage. * Osteosarcomas are malignant tumors that arise from bone.

Symptoms of Brain Skull Base Tumors

The symptoms of brain skull base tumors can vary depending on the size, location, and type of tumor. Some of the most common symptoms include:

* Headaches * Vision problems * Hearing loss * Facial numbness or weakness * Difficulty swallowing * Speech problems * Balance problems

Diagnosis of Brain Skull Base Tumors

The diagnosis of brain skull base tumors is based on a combination of factors, including the patient's symptoms, a physical examination, and imaging tests. Imaging tests that may be used to diagnose brain skull base tumors include:

* Computed tomography (CT) scan * Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan * Positron emission tomography (PET) scan

Treatment of Brain Skull Base Tumors

The treatment of brain skull base tumors depends on the size, location, and type of tumor. Treatment options may include:

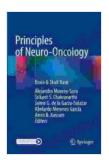
* Surgery * Radiation therapy * Chemotherapy * Targeted therapy * Immunotherapy

Prognosis of Brain Skull Base Tumors

The prognosis of brain skull base tumors varies depending on the size, location, and type of tumor. The overall 5-year survival rate for brain skull base tumors is about 60%. However, the prognosis for individual patients can vary depending on a number of factors, including:

* The age of the patient * The overall health of the patient * The type of tumor * The stage of the tumor * The treatment received

Brain skull base tumors are a complex and challenging type of cancer. However, with advances in diagnosis and treatment, the prognosis for patients with these tumors has improved significantly in recent years. If you are diagnosed with a brain skull base tumor, it is important to work with a team of experienced doctors and other healthcare professionals to develop a treatment plan that is right for you.



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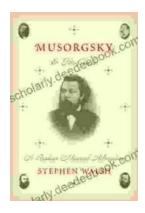
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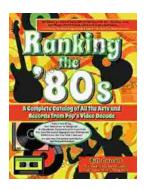
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