My use of flaps in facial cancer reconstruction

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Why use a flap?

 Better perfusion than a graft, more rare to have partial or total necrosis

 Better esthetic result than a graft since adjacent skin is used

Thicker skin so less of a 'pit'

Which flap?

- It is required to be accustomed to different flaps to choose correctly
- Size and position of the lesion
- Always respect natural lines and subunits
- Avoid tension at closure





Double rotation flap





















A-T advancement flap





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Double advancement flap





Double advancement flap





Limberg rhomboid flap





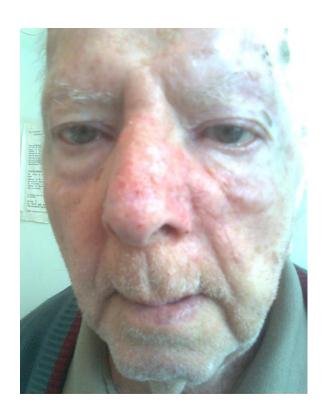
Island flap





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Island flap around the mouth





Island flap around the mouth





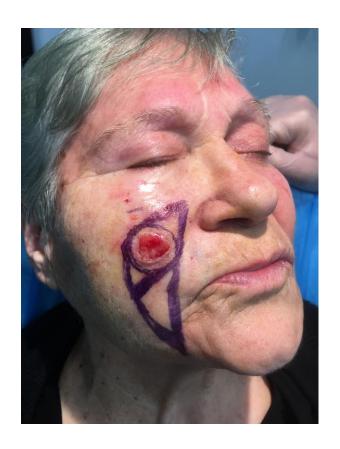
Island flap 1 month post op





Island flap with a 'trick'





Island flap with a 'trick'





Around the eyes

Use of flaps to avoid ectropion

Change the axis of tension at closure

Limberg flap



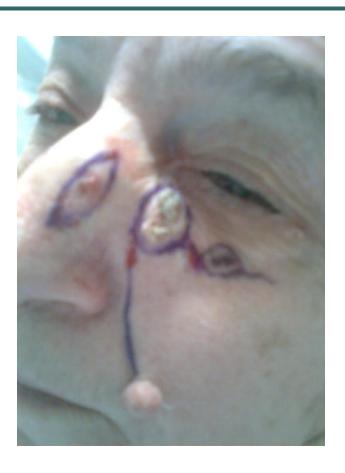


Limberg flap





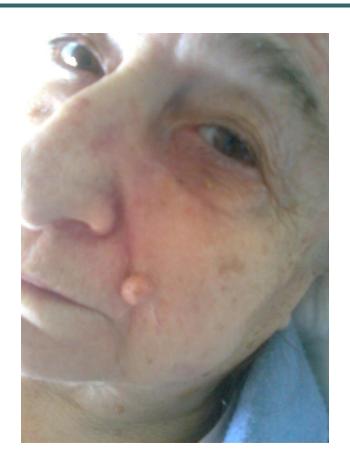
Advancement flap





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A-T advancement flap





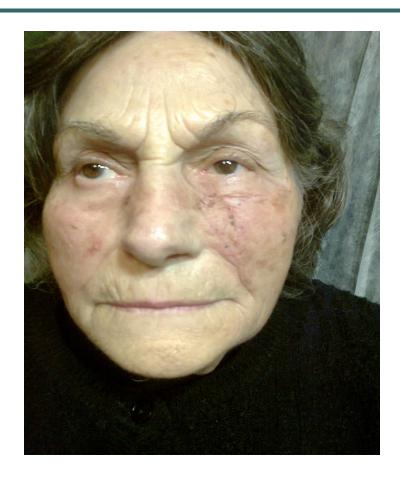
Combination of flaps





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Taking warfarin

 Adjacent to lacrimal gland, compression – natural tears

Nose

 Small movement potential, especially at the lower part

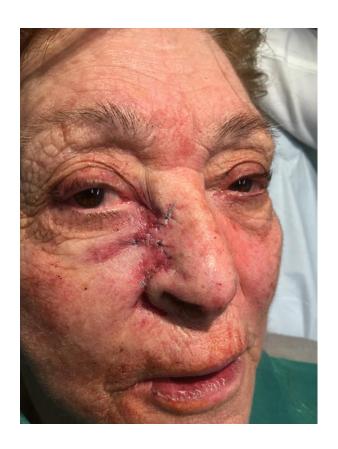
Wide skin detachment required

 Movement of skin top to bottom and from cheek to nose

Respect nostril shape!

The 'note' flap



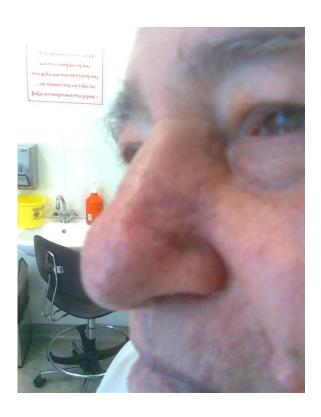


Rhomboid flap





Rhomboid flap

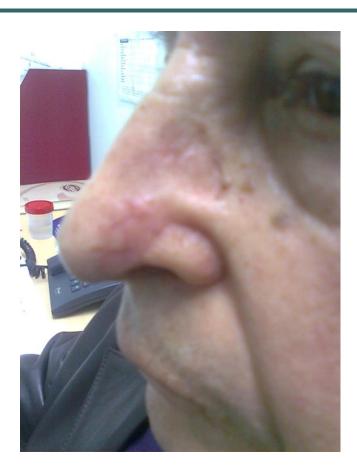




Island flap



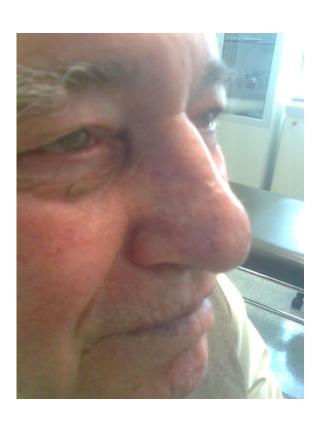












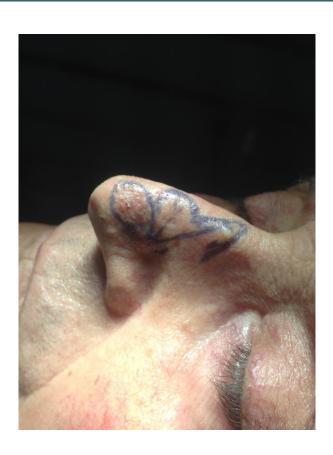






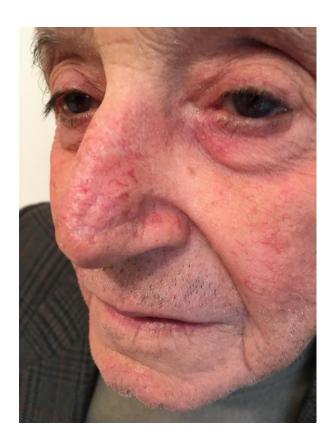








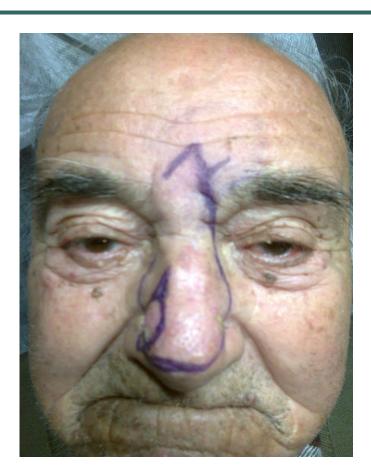


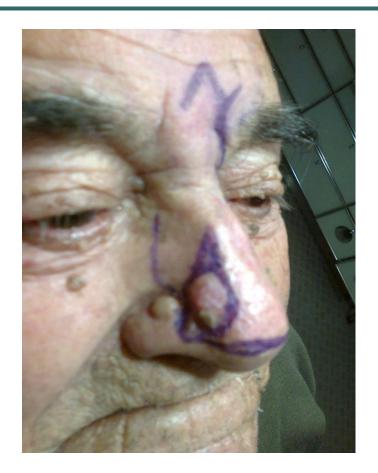




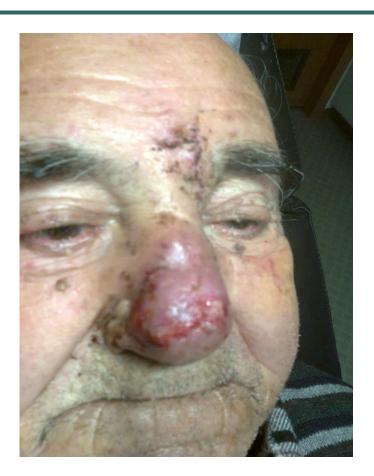


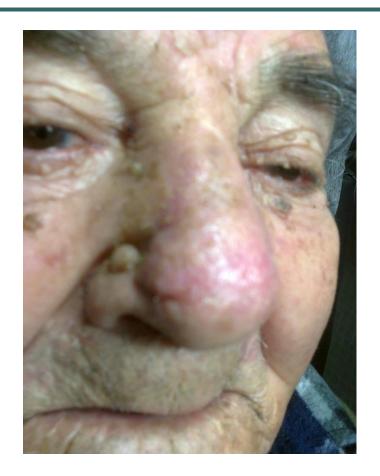
Dorsal nasal rotation flap

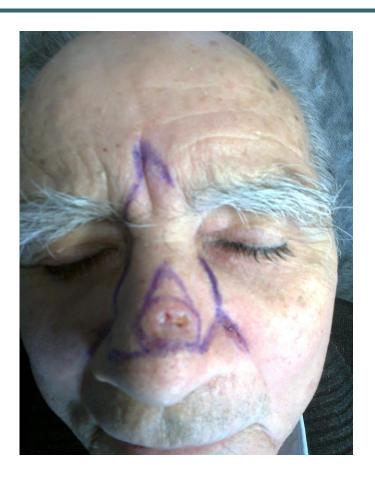




Dorsal nasal rotation flap



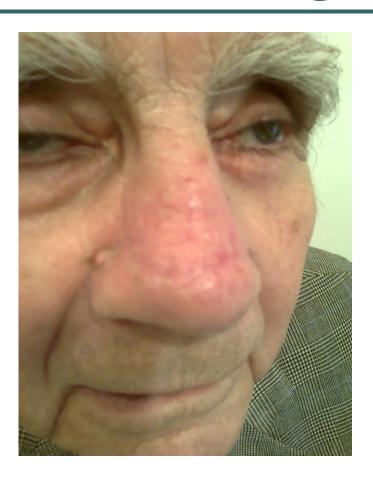










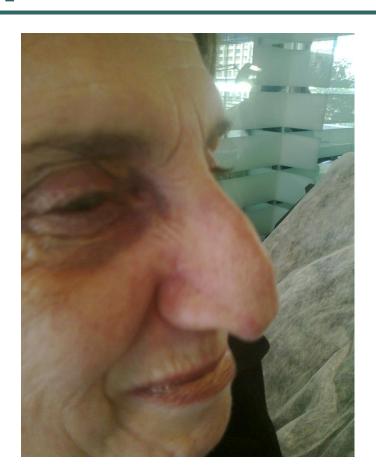
























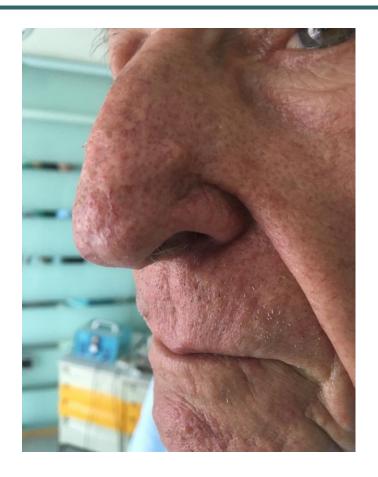


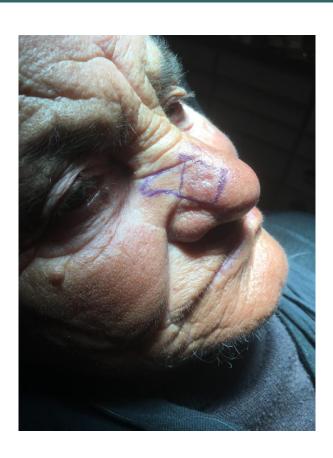








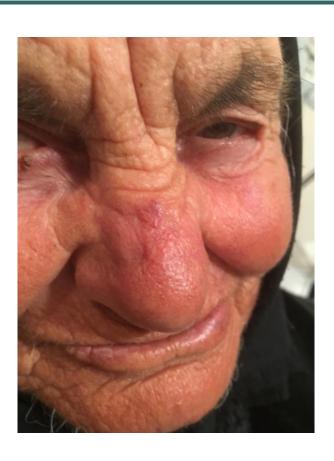




















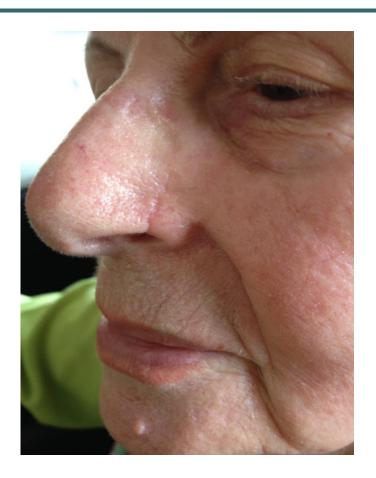






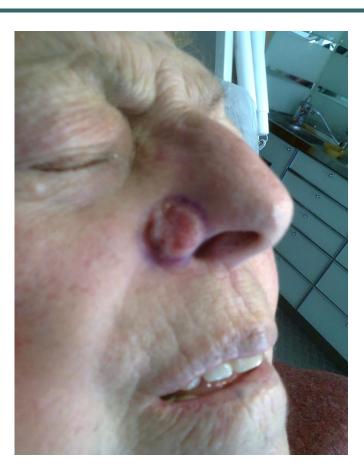






 This flap disrupts the nostril subunit, as evidenced by vertical scar.

 Easier modality, for smaller lesions













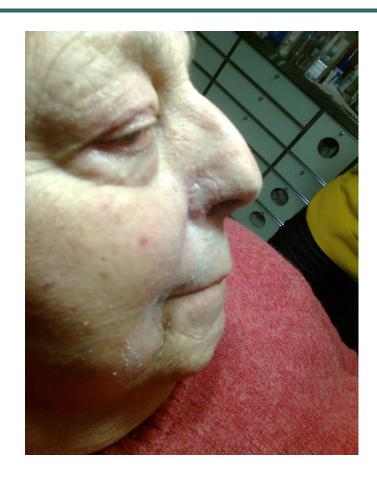


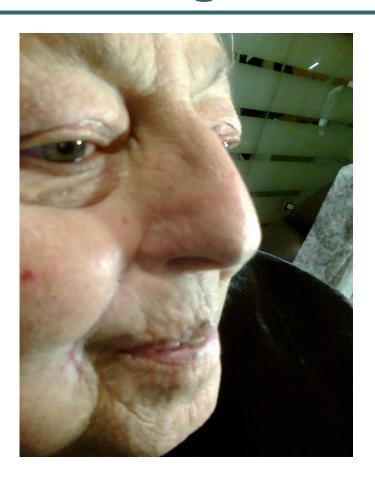


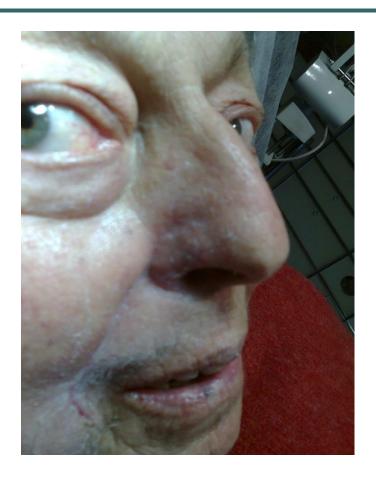








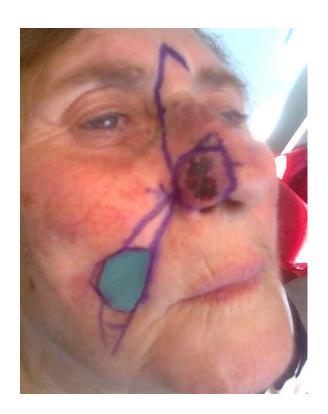
































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