



## Past, present and future directions and rational approach in reconstruction of head and neck cancer

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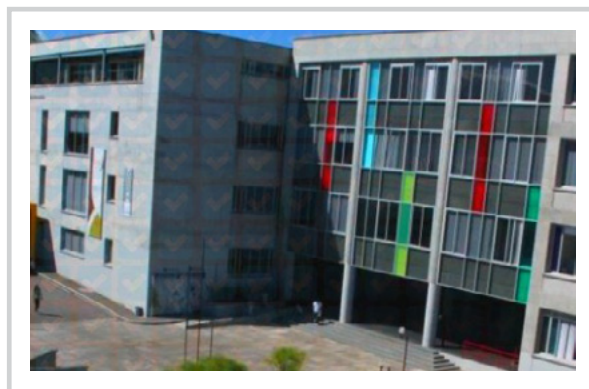


### Abstract

The main problem of head and neck cancer is the consequence of a devastating tumor and the impaired functional and esthetics outcome due to its treatment, sometimes surgery, radiation, chemotherapy or a combination of them. It usually affects quality of life. Reconstruction when necessary is vital to allow the tissues a proper scarring while interposing healthy tissue also promoting start adjutancy earlier and also improving rehabilitation, function, esthetics and quality of life. For more than a century reconstruction has been developing trying to achieve such goal, starting from ingenious techniques to rotate or transplant a new and healthy tissue, up to the use of technology to improve the microvascular free flaps results. In the millennium of technologies, a rational approach must be considered to avoid falling in the sometimes unnecessary trend of inseting free flaps and instead offer the best and fair to guarantee a cure or control of cancer with the best quality of life, taking into special consideration the rational use of economical and scientific resources.

### Biography

Chala Andres finished his postgraduate studies in General Surgery at the Javeriana University in Colombia. He also finished a fellowship in Head and Neck Surgery at the FUCS in Colombia and a postgraduate study in Microvascular Reconstruction in Head and Neck at the Universidad the Barcelona. He has written more than 70 articles and 5 chapters of books and completed a Fellowship online in head and neck with the IFHNOS at the MSKCC. Is member of the Colombian Society of Surgery (SCC) and Vice-president of the Colombian Head and Neck Society (ACCCC). He is also FACS of the American College of surgeons and member of the American Head and neck society AHNS. Currently is the Titular Professor and Chief of the Head and Neck Service at the Caldas University in Manizales Colombia.



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