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## Feature

### **Nursing Care of the Patient Undergoing Transoral Robotic Surgery**

**Shannon Murray, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC**

Otorhinolaryngologists began developing new operative techniques to minimize open surgical resections of the head and neck. While striving to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with head and neck surgery and decrease the many psychosocial issues facing these patients, a new procedure defined as Transoral Robotic Surgery (TORS) was developed. With the development of new surgical techniques, nursing care must also change to meet the needs of the patient. As the TORS procedure becomes fully defined, so is nursing's role in the care of the patient. This paper aims to define TORS and discuss the nursing care of the patient undergoing this new surgical procedure.

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### **Poetry and the Art of Nursing**

**Maggie Kramper, FNP, RN**

**Stan Thawley, MD**

This article explores the concept that nursing and poetry are art forms, demonstrates the similarities between poetry and nursing, and proposes that appreciation of each of these art forms enhances the pleasures to be found in both.

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**Joan Such Lockhart, PhD, RN, CORLN, AOCN®, CNE, FAAN**  
**Linda M. Goodfellow, PhD, RN**

This pilot study tested the effectiveness of a head and neck surgical oncology clinical practicum on nursing students' perceptions of facial disfigurement in these patients. Hypotheses also addressed the impact of patient and student gender; patterns in perceptions based on patient gender and surgical procedure were noted.

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**Linda M. Goodfellow, PhD, RN**

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### **Departments**

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