ABSTRACT

Unawareness of nose base (NB) asymmetries by the patients or failure of the surgeon on perceiving or informing the patients about the presence of NB asymmetries, during the preoperative period, may lead to controversies on the evaluation of the surgical outcome after nose procedures.

The goals of this study were to evaluate the prevalence of Nose Base Asymmetry in general population and the awareness of the carriers about the deformity.

Methods of the nose base of 43 volunteers chosen randomly were analyzed. Individuals were classified as carrier or not-carrier of nasal base asymmetry. When any asymmetry was present, the image was shown to the carrier, asking whether he was aware or not of the asymmetry.

Results

Nineteen (44.19%) of the 43 individuals that were photographed, showed some asymmetry of the nasal basal view. Of these, only four (21.05%) individuals were aware of their deformity.

Discussion

Nasal base asymmetry is a prevalent deformity. Most of the individuals (78.95%) are unaware of it. It can generate controversies concerning if the cause of the deformity was or not directly related to a nasal surgical procedure. Nasal base asymmetries should always be photographed, and discussed during the pre-operative consultation.

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