

Introduction

In 1985, the Royal Belgian Society for Ear, Nose, Throat, Head and Neck Surgery and the Belgian Professional Union of Ear, Nose, Throat, Head and Neck Surgery founded the Otoneurological and Expertise Commission.

Professor R. Boniver has been the president since.

At present, the members of the commission are Professors Christian Desloovere, Naïma Deggouj, Floris Wuyts and Doctors Sarah Casteleyn, Stéphane Dejardin, Anne Englebert, Chantal Gilain, Catherine Hennaux, Christian Van Nechel.

In 1986, the publication in the *Acta Oto-Rhino-Laryngologica Belgica* of expert recommendations for ear, nose and throat specialists introduced the topic of vestibular exploration.

In the absence of evidence-based medicine for this specific subject and with the encouragement of

Doctor Robillard, the commission started in December 2003 to draft guidelines for the exploration and treatment of vertigo and dizziness. Their recommendations are based both on the experience of the members of the commission and on scientific advances relating to vertigo and dizziness.

This supplement contains specialist articles describing tests and examination approaches. Asterisks refer to annexes.

The guidelines are based on more recent otoneurological findings and will be updated in the future.

References in the annex will give readers the opportunity to explore this subject in greater depth.

We hope this paper will bring you fruitful and enjoyable reading.