9. The sinus lateralis

The sinus lateralis is a space or recess of varying proportion behind and/or superior to the ethmoidal bulla. It may be recognized as an apparent pneumatization or indentation of any part of the basal lamella and may extend to the base of the skull. The sinus lateralis opens medially toward the middle turbinate.

Fig. 9.1. Left side, zero degree lens, pneumatization of basal lamella in a post-operative patient; i.e., sinus lateralis.
Fig. 9.2. Left side, zero degree lens, basal lamella and sinus lateralis behind the ethmoidal bulla.

Fig. 9.3. Left side, zero degree lens, entering basal lamella, sinus lateralis above.