

Curbside Consultation of the Spine

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Subjects: Spine: Diagnosis, clinical and preoperative management, surgical techniques, postoperative care, rehabilitation, infection, spinal tumours, spine and sports medicine, deformity, trauma, degenerative spine, spine in paediatrics.

DESCRIPTION: A user friendly source for spinal surgery giving practical information regarding the management of common clinical scenarios designed in a question and answers format, composed of articles containing current concepts and preferences of authors in spinal surgery, enhanced by several images, diagrams, references and written in the form of casual advices from leading young authorities of spinal surgery by Kern Singh, MD.

PURPOSE: By this practical reference, Kern Singh, MD. and the contributors have aimed providing not only practical information regarding the management of common clinical issues but also straightforward and brief answers, evidence-based advices, their preference and opinions containing current concepts for unanswered questions those are encountered on a daily basis by spinal surgeons but often controversial and not addressed clearly in traditional spinal surgery references.

AUDIENCE: Mainly orthopaedic surgeons and neurosurgeons, residents of orthopaedics and neurosurgery who are interested in spinal surgery have been targeted but the current information and incorporating expert advice will also be welcomed by experienced clinicians. Also non-physician personnel may benefit the brief knowledge.

FEATURES: There are 49 scenarios each written by a different author designed in 15 sections in a question and answers format including several images and diagrams and also essential references at the end of each article. Sections are: Anatomy, Diagnostic imaging, Surgical Approach, Spinal Instrumentation, Tumour, Infection, Trauma, Degenerative, Paediatrics, Bone Grafts, Intraoperative, Postoperative Patients, Sports Medicine, Deformity, Rehabilitation

ASSESSMENT: Providing practical information and current concept for common clinical problems, straightforward, brief answers and practical solutions to frequently encountered problems and controversial issues of the daily practise of spinal surgery makes the text a practical and useful reference. These carefully chosen questions forming the sections are making almost a comprehensive source. The casual style of articles resembling the advices in a dialog of colleagues on a curbside consult makes the text easier to read and understand. Various images and diagrams enhance the knowledge in the text.

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