

Book review

Curbside Consultation in Hip Arthroplasty

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Subject: Primary and revision total hip replacement surgery.

DESCRIPTION: A user friendly reference for decision making in hip arthroplasty designed in a question formed clinical problem scenarios and answers format. The articles composed of the answers, containing current concepts and preferences of experts in primary and revision hip surgery are enhanced by several images, diagrams and references and written in the form of a curbside consultation by Scott M. Sporer, MD. and his collaborators.

PURPOSE: By this practical reference of hip arthroplasty, Scott M. Sporer, MD. and the contributors have aimed providing the reader practical and clinically relevant information, evidence-based advices, their preferences and opinions containing current concepts for difficult and controversial clinical situations in total hip replacement surgery which are often not addressed clearly in traditional references.

AUDIENCE: Mainly practicing orthopedic surgeons, fellows and residents who are interested in hip arthroplasty have been targeted but several carefully designed scenarios of controversial and difficult situations surrounding total hip replacement surgery and the current information will also be welcomed by experienced clinicians practicing in hip arthroplasty.

FEATURES: The book is composed of 9 sections and 49 articles each written by a different expert designed in a question and answers format including several images and diagrams and also essential references at the end of each article. In the first section preoperative questions is subjected. Second section is about preoperative acetabulum questions. Third section is about preoperative femur questions. Fourth section is about intraoperative questions. Intraoperative acetabulum question is subjected in the fifth section and the intraoperative femur questions in the sixth section. The seventh section is about postoperative questions. Eighth and ninth sections are about general questions about failure and failure of acetabulum in turn.

ASSESSMENT: Scott M. Sporer, MD. and his collaborators designing the “Curbside Consultation in Hip Arthroplasty” try to widen the reader insight for a better outcome in hip arthroplasty by the expert opinions and current concepts for various treatment options in difficult or controversial cases. The carefully chosen scenarios forming the sections and brief answers containing clinically relevant information and practical solutions to frequently encountered problems are making the book almost a comprehensive and current reference of difficult clinical situations in total hip replacement surgery. The questions and the answers format and casual style of articles resembling the advices in a dialog of colleagues on a curbside consult provides a quicker access to a subject and makes the text easier to read and understand. Various image and diagrams enhances the knowledge in the text.

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