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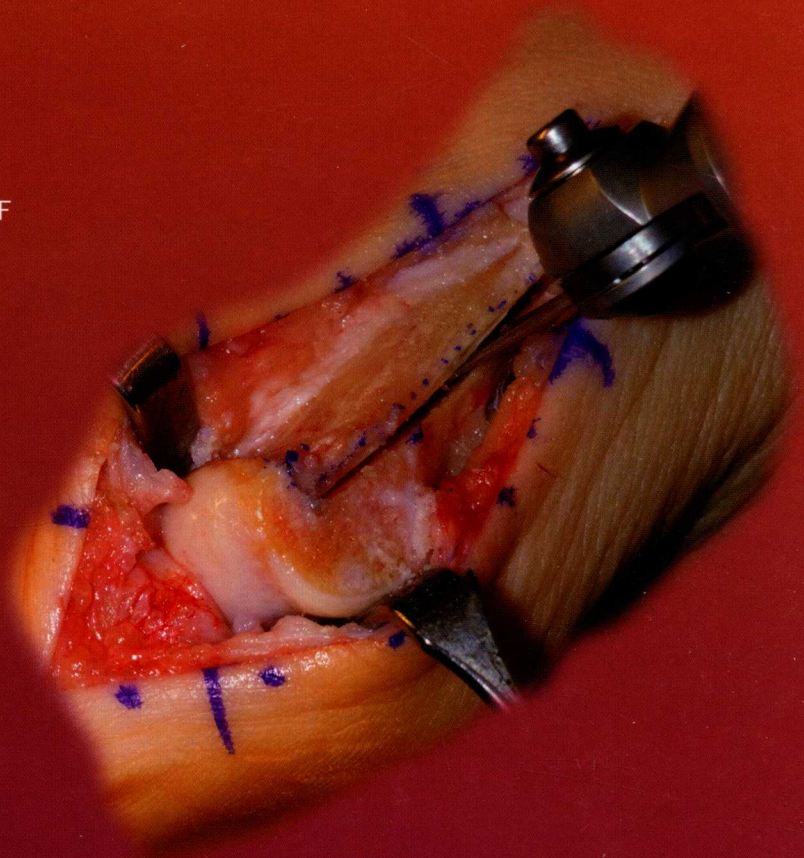
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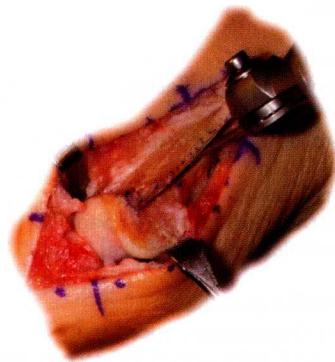
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Foreword

Dr. Easley and his contributors can feel extremely satisfied with the educational product that comprises this text. This foot and ankle section of *Operative Techniques in Orthopaedic Surgery* is the most comprehensive and yet user-friendly technique-based text available today. It is a must for those surgeons practicing in the subspecialty as well as for the generalist with an occasion interest. The information provided will save many surgeons the stress that can be involved with preoperative decision making and procedural specifics.

Dr. Easley is an internationally recognized leader in the field of foot and ankle surgery, and his vast professional and personal associations provided the foundation for this project, one that undoubtedly required countless hours of hard work. Dr. Easley successfully assembled a collection of renowned and world-class experts to write on subjects and techniques of which they have personal interest and vast experience. The format of these individual chapters allows for extensive exposure to the topic at hand, and yet in a manner that is easy to follow, filled with teaching pearls and potential perils. The inclusion of intraoperative color photos and illustrations rounds out the point-by-point explanation of the technique presented. The reader will find easy reference for all aspects of the entity presented and will be quite happy to find the authors' suggestion on postoperative management as well.

As one reviews the table of contents, he or she will be amazed at the spectrum of subjects highlighted in a very organized fashion. I truly commend and thank Dr. Easley for his dedication to this project as he has provided our specialty with a state-of-the-art "go-to" instructional text. It is without a doubt the best of its class and will be a must for any foot and ankle surgeon's library.

Congratulations Mark!

—Robert Anderson

My reaction to reading the table of contents was wow! This is incredibly complete and comprehensive. Indeed this text is an excellent compendium of thought from foot and ankle surgeons around the world that has been carefully assembled to give various viewpoints, opinions, ideas, and alternative techniques. This has been so well put together by Mark E. Easley and so very different from traditional textbooks on similar topics. What is going to be incredibly helpful to the reader is that this includes alternative approaches by leaders in the field covering different variations of pathology and deformity. It is an exciting and innovative textbook.

—Mark Myerson

I am deeply honored to have been selected to provide a foreword for this outstanding text, which is actually a comprehensive masterpiece of foot surgery, that has been edited by my friend, my colleague, and my partner, Mark E. Easley. Mark has accomplished in this textbook what many others have attempted to do but have failed. The text is concise, it is up-to-date, it is beautifully illustrated, and it provides a ready guide for virtually every currently performed procedure in the foot and ankle arena. For most people, a text like this would be a lifetime accomplishment. Mark E. Easley has been able to edit and direct this book in a very short period of time, and he has been able to have most of the chapters written by *the authoritative source*. I can only marvel at the amount of work and effort that went into such a comprehensive text.

—James A. Nunley

Preface

I am again honored to serve as the editor for *Operative Techniques in Foot and Ankle Surgery*. As I suggested in the preface to the first edition, two realizations hold true: (1) This endeavor is not possible without the unselfish contributions of this collection of outstanding foot and ankle educators and (2) this project is never complete. I remain fortunate to have so many foot and ankle experts willing to share their techniques in this state-of-the-art textbook. I am also fortunate to be charged with this assignment in a modern era when topics or newer techniques not included in this new edition may still be added as periodic web-based updates. I continue to benefit immensely from this educational experience and trust that this new edition will serve as a meaningful resource for health care providers looking to optimize patient care.

Mark E. Easley

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—MEE