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# Introduction

The principle aim in this Third Edition of *Orthopaedics* is to reflect the expansion in orthopaedic surgical procedures as the emphasis has shifted from pure surgical craft to applied science. Hence, although several classic procedures are retained, chapters on corrective spinal surgery in children, total joint replacement, treatment of fractures by internal and external fixation, knee ligament injuries, hand injuries and arthroscopy feature, together with updated chapters on important standard procedures. The chapters dealing with principles of repair and replacement of injured musculoskeletal tissues, spinal injuries and treatment of orthopaedic diseases illustrate the multidisciplinary background which forms an integral part of modern orthopaedics.

Individuality is a traditional strength of orthopaedic surgery. The authors have described their methods in their own style within the overall framework. No attempt has been made to be totally comprehensive but the conditions and procedures described are those likely to be encountered in most units. Overlap has been inevitable and accepted especially where necessary to emphasize important points.

Throughout, the needs of the orthopaedic trainee and training programme have been kept in mind particularly since postgraduate programmes are now relatively short. To this end the traditional emphasis on diagrammatic illustrations has been blended with authoritative discussion and bibliography where necessary.

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