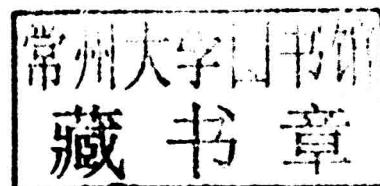


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To my father, my role model and career coach –

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*Dad, I wouldn't have had the career I do were it
not for you. Your unconditional belief in me, your confidence in
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lead a life of great achievements with utmost humility.*

It is my privilege to be your daughter.

Preface

The *Atlas of Emergency Medicine Procedures* is presented in the spirit of “see one, do one, teach one” and “a picture is worth a thousand words.” It can be used at the bedside, both by novice practitioners and seasoned clinicians as a teaching aid. For ease of reference, the most common procedures are grouped by organ systems. Each procedure follows a standardized format, beginning with keywords, a definition if appropriate, indications, and contraindications. These are followed by materials and medications, often accompanied by a photograph of the specific equipment or setup. The procedure itself is numbered rather than bulleted, highlighting the sequence of steps. Photographs are placed where the relevant information is encountered in the text rather than at the end. Every procedure also lists complications. Finally, there is a section on pearls and pitfalls, gleaned from the collective experience of the contributors in addition to traditional teachings.

Emergency medicine, by nature, is a field best suited to a visually appealing, concise text able to deliver the information required. Much effort therefore has been dedicated to images. These are either actual photographs taken of the procedure steps or specially commissioned drawings by Springer’s professional illustration team. A work of this magnitude could not have been accomplished without the expertise of my dedicated Springer team. A huge thank you to Shelly Reinhardt, Megan Ruzomberka, and Lee Klein. It is hoped that readers will find this atlas useful and practical. Feedback and suggestions for future editions are welcomed and can be sent to AtlasEMprocedures@gmail.com.

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