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This work is dedicated to our surgical residents over the years. They have been our severest critics, but at the same time by far the greatest inspiration and the most stimulating influence in our professional lives.





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#### Foreword

The second edition of *Mastery of Surgery* is brilliantly edited by Lloyd M. Nyhus and Robert J. Baker and maintains the impressive profile of the first edition. This is a very thorough text, easily read and commendably comprehensive.

Throughout the text the editors have been selective in their choice of contributors, linking the subject with clearly identifiable authorities in the field. The illustrations are well chosen, with special emphasis on the important points. The Editor's Comment at the end of the chapters will be much appreciated by readers because they represent sound, cogent, and fascinating appraisals of each subject. The anatomic features of each dis-

order are reviewed with appropriate emphasis on the significant *surgical* features. Each bibliography is highly selective, with inclusion of the recognized classic references as well as more recent reports in the literature.

As one reviews this text it becomes obvious that it has been edited and written by those thoroughly familiar with the subjects who are both surgical scientists as well as experienced clinicians. This combination makes it a work of particular importance to students and residents as well as practicing surgeons. Moreover, the chapters are thoroughly updated and provide a complete analysis of each of the disorders discussed. To individualize

each subject, the editors have divided the text into 194 thoughtfully considered chapters.

In this second edition of *Mastery of Surgery* the editors have produced a spectacular achievement, creating a text of notable thoroughness and reliability. It is easy to predict that it will maintain, and indeed surpass, the record of its predecessor. It will be well received by those in the surgical and allied health professions who will find it to be an invaluable reference source.

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#### **Preface**

The popularity of the first edition of this text ensured the need for further editions. Naturally we were gratified to learn that our first effort was of such technical excellence that it won the American Association of Publishers' R. R. Hawkins Award, an annual prize for the best professional or scholarly book.

It was from this base that we undertook the task of updating and modifying our prior work. Many chapters remain, but all have been brought into the current mode of accepted practice. New subjects have been interspersed throughout the text. They include resection and reconstruction of the trachea, modern concepts in operations on the breast, management of thoracic injuries, stapling techniques, endoscopy, a new operation for gastroduodenal disease, a range of new procedures on the biliary tract and

pancreas, new approaches to the problem of hernia, and a new section on surgical approaches to the peripheral venous system.

We have again emphasized certain points made by our contributing authors in the editorial comments on their chapters. In no instance are these comments intended to, nor should they be construed to, criticize or refute the author's approach. They are meant to add a second view of possible strategies for a successful approach to a surgical problem.

The contributing authors are acknowledged national or international authorities in the areas in which they have written. Equally important, they are skilled, experienced teachers of surgery. We are deeply indebted to each of them for producing a worthy contribution.

We must express our deep appreciation to our colleague, Dr. Harry Monsen, who reviewed every manuscript for anatomic accuracy and continuity. Similarly, our editorial colleague, Catherine Judge, has kept us conceptually and grammatically honest.

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We sincerely hope our readers derive as much pleasure and benefit from reading this book as we have from compiling and editing it.

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