

#### A HANDBOOK OF OPERATIVE SURGERY

# SURGICAL UROLOGY

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### Preface to the Second Edition

More than six years have passed since the publication of the first edition of this handbook. Although the fundamental concepts underlying urologic surgery remain unchanged, significant advances have been made in many fields. These have been incorporated in the new edition. Hamm's technic of pyeloplasty, the newer operations for the correction of ureteral reflux, the operation of Lapides for vesico-cutaneous anastomosis, newer operations for exstrophy of the bladder, for biopsy of the prostate, for bladder neck contracture and for undescended testis are among the important additions. The sections on the treatment of prostatic cancer and tumor of the testis have also been enlarged. An entirely new section is included on the use of segments of small and large bowel for various plastic procedures upon the urinary tract. We trust that these revisions and additions will serve to maintain the book's usefulness.

We continue to be deeply indebted for assistance given by those mentioned in the preface to the first edition and again wish to thank them.

-R. H. FLOCKS.

### Preface to the First Edition

THE PRACTICE of urology is more than the performance of surgical procedures upon those organs making up the urinary tract and the male genital tract. The diagnosis and management of disease of these structures involve a wide knowledge of general medicine and of general surgical principles in addition to that fundamentally applying to the urinary tract. It has been said that the operation is only an incident in the management of the patient, and this is all too true. Accuracy of diagnosis and an understanding of the clinical problem are basic to the selection and performance of the *correct* therapeutic procedure at the *correct* time, and no one should attempt to carry out urologic procedures without the necessary fundamental and clinical background.

It has been our experience, however, in the training of young urologists that there has been a need for bringing together under one roof, so to speak, the more important anatomic, physiologic and surgical principles involved in operative urology. This we have attempted to do here. It is hoped that in the course of management of the patient, the diagnosis having been made and the time of operation decided upon, the urologist will secure aid from this handbook with regard to the surgical armamentarium and the technical details involved in the selected operation. He will find details on how to gain access to the area concerned and what types of procedures are available once access has been gained. The technical performance of the possible procedures is described and illustrated, and operations specifically related to the more common conditions are given. Obviously, not every condition or situation can be covered. We hope the information provided will be helpful to the resident urologist, to the practicing urologist and to the teacher of urology. It also may be of aid to those physicians and surgeons who

at times are confronted with the care of patients with urologic disease.

This book is not designed to give a complete description of urologic physiology, pathology, disease, diagnosis and therapy, or even to give a complete discussion of the relative merits of the various operative procedures used in urology. All the nuances of preoperative and postoperative care of the very young and the very aged who make up the majority of urologic patients are also beyond its scope. Nursing care of these patients involves specialized technics with regard to the collection of urine and the maintenance of adequate nutrition. Patience and an understanding of the emotional problems peculiar to the young and old are especially important in the nursing care of these individuals if satisfactory emotional equilibrium is to be maintained. When renal dysfunction is added to the vagaries of age, the problems connected with the maintenance of fluid, electrolyte and protein equilibrium can be manifold and extremely difficult. Their correct solution is essential if a good result is to be obtained. Although many points with regard to these problems have been brought out in this handbook, space limitations preclude a full discussion. In short, the purpose of this volume is to aid the physician in the performance of the operative portion of the management of his patient.

The foundation which has resulted from the efforts of a great many individuals, not only in urology itself but in the ancillary sciences, is the basis of this book. This foundation, the literature and the combined experience of the authors and their associates in the management of patients and in the training of residents at the University Hospitals for more than 20 years have all been utilized. We are grateful to that large body of medical men and more specifically to the urologists who have over many years contributed to the knowledge which has been used so freely in the construction of this book. Because progress in urology has resulted from the efforts of so many, priority is often difficult to establish. No claims to originality are made. Names have been attached to operations when common usage has made this pertinent and, in the case of recent contributions, to aid the reader in obtaining the original reference.

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