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FOREWORD

Urology is a vital specialty. Its growth and evolution warrant rapid dissemination of information. *Current Operative Urology 1992*, edited by E. Douglas Whitehead, M.D., provides the urologist with a novel and dynamic text format. Areas within urology in which significant new contributions have been made are identified and an article from the literature is reproduced. It is then commented on by an authority in the field. This is followed by an expanded overview of the topic written by an additional expert who attempts to weave a fabric of current information from related topics.

The current edition begins with a focus on surgery for renal carcinoma. The results of surgical extirpation with and without complete lymphadenectomy as well as the impact of vena caval extension are reviewed. This is followed by three articles that outline the results of therapeutic alternatives to radical surgery. This section provides the clinician with a current assessment of the surgical treatment of renal cell carcinoma.

The second section reviews surgery of genitourinary trauma. Each organ of the genitourinary tract is discussed in a separate chapter and is followed by reviews of three commonly seen pediatric anomalies. This section provides the clinician with the current status of the management of these complicated disease processes, perhaps not seen by the clinical urologist since completing a residency.

Management of benign prostatic hypertrophy is seminal to the practices of most urologists. Balloon dilation for prostatic obstruction will undoubtedly become a central part of the management algorithm in clinical practice. No volume on current operative techniques would be complete without its inclusion.

The growing demand for infertility services requires an update on the current approach to varicocele surgery. The anatomic basis for the selection of surgical technique is presented, and the management of the adolescent varicocele is also discussed. This represents one of the most controversial areas in urology.

Laparoscopy has almost instantly changed the practice of our general surgery colleagues, and one can only speculate as to its impact on urology. Therefore, laparoscopy is a technique that warrants the attention of any clinical urologist. The volume concludes with a discussion of laparoscopy as it applies to urologic practice. Laparoscopy has altered the face of general surgery and promises to have a dramatic impact on urology. This is a fitting conclusion to a volume dedicated to current operative urology.

Dr. Whitehead has again assembled a cadre of leaders in urology who will lead the field from 1992 into the future. Their thoughts on these relevant issues will be beacons for the future.

Harris M. Nagler, M.D.

PREFACE

The rapid expansion of knowledge in medicine and surgery demands rapid methods of dissemination and acquisition of information. One method is book form that allows the physician ample time to read, mull over, and consult with colleagues on a particular problem. We have come to believe that a voluminous tome is too long in production and frequently too expensive, and, therefore, ill-suited for rapid transmission of important information.

Because the first and second editions of *Current Operative Urology*, appearing in 1975 and 1984, were extremely well received by practicing urologists, urology residents, academic urologists, and Directors of urology training programs, both in the United States and abroad, we have decided to follow the original very successful format in Annual Editions. Therefore, highly respected and recognized authorities were invited to participate in this project. The authors of the Commentaries have selected a significant and outstanding recent paper in their area of expertise for reproduction *in toto*, have critically reviewed their assigned subjects in the Commentary, using the selected paper as the basis for the Commentary, and have provided an Annotated Bibliography. Finally, each subject and contribution has been reviewed by an Overviewer. With this format, newer operative procedures and surgical approaches to urologic problems have been personally evaluated, placed in perspective and, when appropriate, compared with other established surgical methods of management. This time-tested and successful format will be retained in future editions of this publication.

Particularly relevant new operative procedures

and technologies are noted in the current Annual Edition, with sections demonstrating techniques in the treatment of urologic trauma, the surgical management of renal carcinoma, ambiguous genitalia and prune belly syndrome, changing technologies in the evaluation and treatment of male infertility, and a discussion of the impact of both AIDS and hepatitis on the practicing urologist.

Thus, by reading Annual Editions, the practicing urologist and urologist in training will have the opportunity to quickly assess available information and decide which specific recommendations of the nationally and internationally recognized authorities he or she wishes to select for the surgical management of urologic disease.

I wish to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of the authors who have provided thoughtful, incisive, and, when necessary, provocative and controversial observations in presenting the current management of their subjects. All have unhesitatingly participated in this editorial project in spite of numerous other pressing commitments and have met extremely tight deadlines under difficult circumstances in order to make this Annual Edition possible and timely.

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