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FOREWORD

The practicing urologist is faced with a constantly evolving mass of information about a wide range of subjects with which he must deal on a daily basis. The introduction of new technologies as well as the application of new systemic treatments and refined operative procedures constantly expand and alter the base of information required for the effective practice of modern urology. The information comes to the practitioner from a multitude of directions, randomly presented at meetings, in texts, and in journal publications. Only rarely is attention given to critical analysis and synthesis of data.

Current Operative Urology presents this information in a unique format. This edition does not attempt to deal with every aspect of urologic surgery, but focuses on the areas in which new approaches and emerging strategies of management are important current issues. In each instance, the subject is introduced by an important recent paper, and focus is provided by commentary on the paper through the opinion of a recognized expert in the field. The overall perspective of the article and the entire subject is then provided by the overview, again composed by

an authority in that particular field. This structure is unique among texts, and protects the reader from a single biased view by one author. In this respect, *Current Operative Urology* resembles a well organized meeting in which a recognized urologist presents his data and his peers analyze in depth the meaning of his work and the positive and negative aspects of his conclusions.

As urologists struggle to stay abreast of the rapidly expanding new information in urology, compact and current syntheses such as provided in this text will become increasingly important. This is clearly a text for the practicing urologist, whether in the community or in an academic center. Every page is devoted to practical applications of current knowledge, devoid of details of interest to only a few. It is a reference text, not for occasional perusal but for constant and almost daily reference over a wide range of topics. The concerned and dedicated urologist will certainly wish to use this book in that context.

Jean B. deKernion, 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 and very successful format in Annual Editions. Therefore, highly respected and recognized authorities were invited to participate in this project. The authors of the Commentary 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 urological problems have been personally evaluated, placed in perspective and, where 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 sophisticated technologies are noted in the current Annual Edition demonstrating alternative methods of surgery for carcinoma of the renal pelvis and ureter, ureteropelvic junction obstruction, urinary tract undiversion, urethral stricture, Peyronie's Disease, and benign prostatic hypertrophy; the current management of Wilms tumor and ureterocele; and the use of surgery and adjuvant therapy for carcinoma of the bladder.

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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