

Foreword

The specialty of urology has evolved into a less surgical and more cognitive discipline. Indeed, most of what we do in our daily clinical practice involves nonoperative patient care. However many of our patients present with, what are perceived as, emergencies. Such 'emergencies' encompass a broad spectrum of diagnoses, ranging from the often mundane hematuria and orchalgia to the more striking renal colic, symptomatic urinary retention, Fournier's gangrene and testicular torsion, to name but a few. Frequently these emergencies require swift but prudent judgment in order to achieve a satisfactory outcome.

Despite the plethora of these daily encountered 'emergencies,' their descriptions are diluted in the voluminous urologic textbooks available. By assembling this textbook specifically on urologic emergencies, these distinguished authors have contributed a unique and valuable addition to our urologic literary armamentarium. Their objectives are to present diagnostic and treatment-oriented information that can be accessed rapidly and efficiently. These goals are accomplished without comprising thoroughness.

The book consists of 10 broad chapters divided into specific sections making the information easily retrievable. Diagrams and photographs are incorporated appropriately to highlight important points. Diagnostic and therapeutic tips of practical significance are offered throughout the book. This superb organizational format provides a clear, logical and efficient approach to urologic emergencies and should serve as a principal reference for any physician dealing with these ubiquitous problems.

I congratulate the authors and am confident that their gallant efforts will serve to better educate physicians and ultimately improve patient care.

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