
Preface

More than 125 years have passed since the basic contributions of John Hunter, Crawford Long, and Lord Lister transformed surgery into a sound science as well as a delicate art. Several great surgeons in later decades established basic principles of management that remain valid to this day. As more knowledge was gained, surgical specialties and subspecialties evolved and grew. This has been particularly true in urology, where the surgical approach to many problems has changed significantly in recent years.

The Cleveland Clinic Glickman Urological Institute houses more than 50 full-time urological clinicians and surgeons with in-depth expertise in both general urology and every urological subspecialty area. *Operative Urology at the Cleveland Clinic* encompasses the entire field of urological surgery and is authored exclusively by our distinguished faculty. This compendium provides detailed step-by-step well-illustrated descriptions of all commonly performed inpatient and outpatient urologi-

cal operations including newer approaches such as laparoscopic and minimally invasive surgery. The various chapters have been organized according to specific diseases or clinical problems. This enables the reader interested in a particular surgical problem, such as kidney cancer or bladder cancer, to find all the relevant approaches and information within a single chapter or section of the book.

This book reflects the philosophy of the Cleveland Clinic Glickman Urological Institute that urology is a broad surgical discipline that encompasses all operations that relate centrally or peripherally to the genitourinary tract and male reproductive organs. We hope that our efforts have yielded a comprehensive and practical reference source for practitioners and residents that will ultimately improve the care of patients with urological surgical problems.

A full text version of the book is available on DVD and sold separately (ISBN 1-59745-371-4).

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