
Preface

Whilst contemporary breast cancer management is multidisciplinary, the surgeon continues to play a key role, particularly as the irradiation mandated by breast-conserving therapy only worsens suboptimal results. Today's patients are ever less accepting of poor aesthetic outcomes, and oncoplastic breast surgery (OBS) was derived directly from cosmetic surgery for this very reason.

This book is aimed at the practising breast surgeon, of any grade, who may be unfamiliar with the full range of techniques available for the management of breast cancer, particularly in such a rapidly evolving subspecialty as OBS. It will also be of interest to anyone involved in the care of breast cancer patients, and with that in mind employs a minimum of text, and is supported by the results of systematic evaluations performed at a centre that pioneered OBS in the late 1980s. The Institut Curie has continued to develop and refine the techniques in order to create a practical system with which any breast cancer can be approached.

It is richly illustrated with clinical examples of the numerous surgeons who have passed through the Breast Study Group at the Institut Curie, and we hope other surgeons will be able to incorporate these techniques into their clinical practice and produce patients as satisfied as our own.

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