

Preface

In creating this third edition of *The SAGES Manual* we have completely restructured, reorganized, and revised the entire manual. Rather than put the manual on a diet, we have separated it into two volumes for better portability. Volume I covers the fundamentals and procedures performed during surgical residency. We anticipate that Volume I will be the first volume used by students, residents, and allied healthcare professional trainees. Do not be deceived; however, we have added material to these fundamentals and procedures that should also be of interest to experienced surgeons. Volume II covers more advanced procedures, generally taught during fellowship. If you own an old, dog-eared copy of the second edition, you will find much that is new in both volumes.

All of the sections have been reorganized with a critical eye to the needs of the modern minimal access surgeon. Two new editors have been added. Although many chapters have new authors, many stalwart authors have continued to contribute. We have also added color photographs.

As before, the manual strives to strike a balance between completeness and conciseness. Significant additional information, including videos, is available from the SAGES Web site (see Appendix, at the end of Volume I). But, as always, we want you to think of this manual as a way to take SAGES experts along with you throughout your surgical journey.

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