
Preface

There are many texts in which we can find techniques of various anorectal procedures. The interested surgeon can easily find descriptions and illustrations of each surgical technique. However, what is more difficult to find is the prevention and treatment of many complications following anorectal operations.

Complications of surgical procedures are without a doubt the greatest source of disquiet for every surgeon. We never feel more alone when one of our patients has suffered a complication that has caused them suffering and never more comforted when we find that our mates have experience with the same complication. It is one of the major purposes of our annual clinical congresses: conversation, commiseration, consolation, a.k.a., GOBAGSATT (good old boys—and girls—sitting around talking trash) and ultimately education.

We present in this book the complications that have been suffered by our own patients and/or by those of our closest friends. Some are common and can only be avoided most of the time. Others are rare, and in some cases just weird. But if it has happened once, it will happen twice. Many can be prevented, which we hope to facilitate with this book.

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