
Preface

The necessity of a neuroendovascular handbook was recognized during the authors' fellowships. While numerous endovascular texts are available, none of them specifically address 'techniques' exclusively. We undertook this project initially from the perspective of someone just starting out in the specialty. All the mainstream procedures are described and step-by-step instructions provided such that the operator will know precisely what to do even if performing the procedures for the very first time. For the same reason, the text is written as if in points and any discussion that detracts from performance has been intentionally avoided. Our objective is that the reader should be able to open the book at any technique and find complete stepwise instructions in that particular chapter, without having to flip back and forth between various chapters or refer to multiple books. Therefore, this book can also be likened to an 'operative atlas.' The format and descriptions make this a useful manual not only for beginners, but also for more advanced practitioners who may not have performed a particular technique previously or may have done so infrequently. We have included practical tips that usually are not found in books and are gleaned by word of mouth, or learnt through performing the procedure repeatedly.

We recognize that there are many ways to skin a cat. The techniques described herein are mainstream and as practiced at our endovascular laboratories. Where indicated, alternatives have been described.

This is the first edition and first step in our project. While the standard handbook by itself will enable the reader to undertake any technique, we also intend to exploit the electronic version to its full potential. In this vein, video clips and other enhancing material will be available in the near future.

Finally, we deeply appreciate and welcome feedback from our readers and will use the comments and suggestions to make future editions even better.

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