

Preface

The practice of any procedural discipline is both a science and an art. In previous textbooks, edited by some of us, we tried to summarize the current state of hemodialysis access science. The purpose of this textbook, on the other hand, is to focus on the art of this medical discipline.

In this book the reader will find a multitude of cases, summarized by masters of the art of vascular access care, who articulate a broad, diverse, and creative vision of their practice. Clinical problems from routine access creation to advanced novel techniques are described in these pages. Thus, the purpose of this textbook is to educate the novice as well as to delight the expert.

Needless to say, we took great inspiration from our patients in putting this work together. Vascular access care requires repeated contact with the same patients on a regular basis. As a result, tremendously close bonds are formed. In some instances, we shared the chapters with our patients who “starred” in the cases. In all instances, we are deeply indebted to our patients for allowing us to use our minds, our hands, and our hearts to help them.

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