



Isam Alobid and Paolo Castelnuovo (editors): Nasoseptal Perforations: Endoscopic Repair Techniques

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This book is a comprehensive review of nasoseptal perforations and the current state of the art of endoscopic repair techniques that benefits from the combined experience of the authors who are leaders in a field that has dramatically evolved over the last 20 years. The authors are Isam Alobid (Professor of Otolaryngology at the University of Barcelona), and Paolo Castelnuovo (Professor of Otorhinolaryngology at the University of Insubria, Varese, Italy). They have done a great job in bringing together the expertise of a “who’s who” in rhinology. The book consists of 176 pages divided into 23 chapters and deals in a clear in-depth and immediately understandable form for such a broad issue, so that it deserves to be a must-have book in the library of any rhinologist.

After the first and the second chapter, respectively dedicated to the anatomy and the physiology of the nose, the authors examine all the subjects concerning nasoseptal perforations, ranging from aetiology to associated systemic diseases, from the clinical evaluation of the patient to a detailed discussion of the techniques required for the complete and successful reconstruction of the nasal septum.

One of the key features of this work is the great collection of full colour photos from fresh cadaver dissections and videos which illustrate, step by step, every approach as well as revealing specific anatomic landmarks. These are extremely useful for providing confidence in spatial orientation, and help to enhance the value of this work and its purpose in offering the key pearls and pitfalls of surgical techniques discussed in the book. Key concepts are expertly elucidated through extensive illustrations alongside their corresponding radiological images.

The end result is a perfectly illustrated guide to endoscopic repair techniques, with content for surgeons ranging from ENT residents to established surgeons in otolaryngology, plastic and reconstructive surgery, and craniomaxillofacial surgery, satisfying the educational and reference needs of the target audiences. The book could also be of interest to radiologists specifically interested in the field.

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