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Ruptures du tendon d'Achille traitées par tenorrhaphie percutanée. Étude multicentrique de 60 cas

Résumé : La ténorrhaphie percutanée, appliquée selon la technique de Delponte P, améliore notablement les résultats précoces et secondaires des ruptures du tendon d'Achille (60 cas). En l'absence de toute immobilisation plâtrée, elle autorise un appui progressif à partir du quinzième jour, sans exposer à un taux anormal de complications.

Mots-clés : Tendon d'Achille — Rupture — Traitement chirurgical

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Normale Entwicklung des Säuglings und ihre Abweichungen

I. Flehmig (1996) Georg Thieme Verlag, Stuttgart New-York. 311 p., DM 39,80 (ISBN 3-13-560605-8)

This paperback manual makes as enthralling reading as a novel. One does indeed see in it the child grow from the new-born stage to the age of 18 months in its normal development. After solid neurophysiologic and developmental reminders, in particular the chapter on the hip which is very clearly presented, one follows the new-born during its growth. At every stage, i.e. each month, the pathological events to look for are precised. All of it is abundantly illustrated by sketches and photographs. The manual ends up with a chapter named "handling" (the German language has its anglomania too) which describes the way doctors, nurses and mothers must hold the baby according to its age.

This remarkable work, whose actual edition is the fifth one, unchanged, should deserve to be translated into French or at least into English.

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Gonarthrosen. Gelenkerhaltende Operationen versus Gelenkersatz

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This book gathers under the direction of Thomas Stuhler a debate by expert surgeons about the knee arthrosis surgery. In two words, should one continue to perform osteotomies of which we have a long experience and good results - despite the difficulty of a gesture that has to be very precise, and despite long operative - or should we propose a replacement (uni or tricompartmental prosthesis) of a more recent experience - with a more rapid result - and which one?

This book tries to answer this double question from experiences of various teams, taking into account the long term results, the complications, the indications or the operative technique.

The history, the biomechanics, the pathogenesis and the diagnosis serve as an introduction. Particular problems, such as those of the instrumentation of the patella or of hinge prostheses is also considered. This book corresponds in fact to an instant photography of the actual stage of knowledge. Its advantage - and disadvantage - is, thanks to the intervention of numerous authors, an exhaustive view, but papers of unequal nature and without the reader being able to draw a clear conclusion out of it.

This book will be of an interest to all surgeon interested in the knee, and the younger in order to get a global overview of actual results.

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