Mark L. Urken (Ed), Multidisciplinary Head and Neck Reconstruction: A Defect-Oriented Approach

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This book is made-up of 17 contributors and 16 chapters, divided into five sections: Special Topics in Head and Neck Reconstruction; Oral Cavity Reconstruction; Midface and Scalp Reconstruction; Pharyngeal Reconstruction; and Post-Traumatic Head and Neck Reconstruction. All areas of the head and neck region are discussed. There is emphasis on free tissue reconstruction. This allows for very radical resection and reconstruction resulting in many superb results. Local flaps are also used as indicated. The cases are presented in most chapters as case studies. In these, the problems of the defect and its reconstruction are then discussed. The great majority of illustrations are in color and are very satisfactory. The reconstruction planning

is shown in the photographic sequences and described in case studies. All areas of the head and neck, both intra- and extraoral, are resected and reconstructed. A small criticism is the lack of diagrams. These, together with the good photographs, would be extremely useful to the readers.

The techniques used are well described and this, together with the quality of illustrations, makes for not just ease of reading but also enjoyment because of the clarity of the text and the abundance of photographs.

I was very surprised and pleased to find that the first chapter dealt with perioperative nutrition and metabolic support for the head and neck cancer patient—a much-needed contribution to this type of surgery.

This is a wonderful book for the department library but it will need to be chained down! All members of staff, from juniors in training to seniors performing head and neck surgery will find this to be useful for surgical planning and reconstruction.

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