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True encyclopedia of the various surgical accesses of all the spinal column, this monumental work constitutes a catalog of the principal procedures, since the access of the occipito-cervical junction until the complex accesses of the deformations. It is subdivided into 21 parts and 112 chapters.

Here some important divisions: decompressions and fusions cervical, thoracic, lumbar, scolioses, hyperkyphoses, treatment of the pain, protection of operated irradiations, mini-invasive surgery, vertebral tumors, arthroplasties, treatment of the complications. A total of 112 accesses videos are envisaged thanks to a code indicated at the top of the book.

A standard plan is planned for each access: description—essential principles—expectations—indications—contraindications—specific considerations—operational position

and anesthesia—tricks and tips—encountered difficulties and solutions—processes of salvage.

The book is abundantly and magnificently illustrated. One could regret the bibliography absence, but this absence is comprehensible, because would have increased the size of the book considerably; the goal of the authors is to go to the essence of way pragmatic.

This book will have to be in the office of any surgeon interested by the spinal column.

Compliance with ethical standards

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