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# Robotic and Laparoscopic Reconstructive Surgery in Children and Adults

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*For my children, Lila, Jaitin, and Marcus.*

# Preface

I am thankful to have had the opportunity to work with Springer to create a unique textbook focusing on “Robotic and Laparoscopic Reconstructive Surgery in Children and Adults.” The publication of this reference is timely and it is truly “one of a kind.” It is not often that there is a union between adult and pediatric urologic surgical techniques. The breadth of this wonderful convergence is most clearly and consistently demonstrated when minimally invasive reconstructive techniques are utilized. I noted this observation from afar in my residency training, coveting a mastery of it in order to create a career and contribute toward the advancement of our very special field. In this regard, I pursued fellowship training in both minimally invasive urology (endourology–laparoscopy) and pediatric urology. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to learn from “the best in the business”; my time with Louis Kavoussi, MD, in New York and Steven Docimo in Pittsburgh was precious. Their teachings and mentorship are very much the embodiment of this book.

I am most appreciative of my colleagues and friends who have contributed to the authorship of this text. Michael Griffin, my developmental editor, certainly deserves special thanks. I am confident that pediatric urologists, adult urologists, fellows, and urology residents will find this textbook to be a comprehensive, yet concise, reference for all robotic and laparoscopic procedures that may be performed within our vast discipline.

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