

Nezhat's Operative Gynecologic Laparoscopy and Hysteroscopy 3rd edition

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Camran Nezhat is referred to as the father of modern operative laparoscopy. He introduced the concept of videolaparoscopy (i.e. standing upright and working off a monitor) and in 1993 he predicted and claimed that large incisions and open surgery would become obsolete. This is a third edition by these authors. The previous editions concentrated on purely operative gynaecological laparoscopy; in this edition there are additional chapters on operative hysteroscopy, fertility and robotic surgery.

This is a large, comprehensive manual demonstrating laparoscopic techniques for all forms of gynaecological surgery. The different surgical techniques are explained in great detail and accompanied by useful illustrations and photographs. In addition, there are detailed descriptions of and background information on the conditions requiring treatment. Each chapter is well referenced, allowing the reader to look further into the techniques described, some of which have been developed and reported on by the editors themselves. The volume will be useful for both trainees and skilled laparoscopic surgeons, with its clear descriptions of basic laparoscopic technique and comprehensive discussions on the likely complications encountered. The chapter on intraperitoneal and retroperitoneal anatomy

serves as a reminder of anatomical landmarks and the means of avoiding complications.

The chapters on hysteroscopic surgery are wide ranging and include management of intrauterine adhesions and septa, tubal cannulation and more recent procedures such as Ovion® and Adiana® hysteroscopic sterilisation. All the second-generation endometrial ablative techniques are explained, first-generation techniques being conspicuous by their absence

The majority of contributors are from the USA and, as would be expected, the clinical practice described at times relates to a different healthcare system. Nevertheless, the techniques themselves easily extrapolate to the UK operating theatre and the enthusiasm of these pioneers of laparoscopic technique is clearly evident.

Although this is purely an operative manual, the evidence to back up clinical management is explained in appropriate places and therefore the publication would serve as an excellent reference book in any department. It will be particularly useful to trainees who register for the advanced laparoscopy module and can be highly recommended.

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