

Book Review

MINIMALLY INVASIVE ENDO-NASAL SINUS SURGERY: PRINCIPLES, TECHNIQUES, RESULTS, COMPLICATIONS, REVISION SURGERY

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This is an excellent book that manages to provide both factual material and personal experience in a clear text that is enjoyable to read. Anatomy and pathophysiological principles are discussed as well as surgical techniques and a good attempt at a standardized reporting of results is presented.

As with any book, advances continue after publication date and pathophysiology does not address current thoughts on the role of fungus in the development of rhinosinusitis. Evidence is placed on traditional infective agents as the aetiological agents to rhinosinusitis

where, perhaps, more might have been described in relation to current thoughts on eosinophilic hyperplastic sinus disease.

The sections related to surgery cover well the different philosophical approaches, both anterior to posterior, posterior to anterior and microscope and headlight assisted. The authors represent well departments employing these different philosophies.

The section on 'Endo-nasal Surgery: the Frontal Sinus' reflects particularly German experience and I would like to have seen more reference to less aggressive surgery of the fronto-ethmoidal recess, particularly as described by Kuhn and Stammberger.

As a comprehensive introduction to endo-nasal sinus surgery this book is to be highly recommended to all Specialist Registrars. It provides well thought out principles and introductions to all areas of endo-nasal sinus surgery and will provide a most sound and accurate base on which to develop modern rhinologic experience.

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Erratum

It has been brought to our attention that a printing error was made in the spelling of the name of one of our authors. The correct article information should read: Krecicki T, Leluk J. Acute phase reactant proteins – an aid to monitoring surgical treatment of laryngeal carcinoma. *J Laryngol Otol* 1992;**106(7)**:613–5. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.