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Book Review

Spinal Deformity A Guide to Surgical Planning and Management

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“Spinal deformity a guide to surgical planning and management” is a multi-author book edited by authorities in this field. Authors have been drawn from both neurosurgery and spinal orthopaedic surgery. However, this is a very American book with only two of the seventy-eight authors are from Europe.

The book is comprehensive. It is organised into four sections: advances in spine technology, cervical spine, thoracic spine and lumbosacral spine. These sections in total contain 38 chapters. The book addresses spinal deformity in adults as well in paediatric patients; congenital as well as trauma induced deformity. The book is populated with chapters on established techniques and minimally invasive cutting-edge procedures.

The book is produced attractively. The text is easy on the eyes. The line diagrams, radiographic images and photographs are of very high quality. The book also comes with a DVD containing narrated videos of operative procedures. Summary boxes and algorithm diagrams reinforce the text. The chapters are well referenced. In the reference section, key references are annotated with synopsis of the papers.

Spinal deformity correction is a very complex subject. The chapters provide in-depth coverage of the topics. The book is aimed at post-residency fellows in spinal surgery and practicing trained spinal surgeons. It is a monumental work and the target audience will find it is well worth for the list price of \$325.00. However, it can now be purchased from the publisher at a discounted price. It is a must for institutional libraries.

Advances in spinal deformity correction have been driven by innovations in spinal instrumentations. This field is rapidly progressing and in years to come there will be many future editions of this book. The editors should be congratulated on their splendid achievement.

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