

Preface to the First Edition

This book is a unique collection of real life case histories written by experts that highlight the diversity of problems that may be encountered in vascular surgery. Each case scenario is interrupted by several questions that aim to engage the reader in the management of the patient and to give him the opportunity to test his knowledge. The comments reflect to as much as possible the principles of evidence based medicine and provide the answers to the questions.

Several chapters are authored by individuals that contributed to the development of innovations in the management and prevention of vascular disease and are of interest for both the vascular trainee and the experienced vascular specialist.

The goal of this book is to help vascular trainees review for Board and other examinations as well as to provide vascular surgeons who wish to expand or refresh their knowledge with an update and interactive source of information relevant to case scenarios that could be encountered in their practice.

The European Boards in Vascular Surgery is a relatively new examination. Although the American Boards in Vascular Surgery were established many years earlier, there are no “dedicated” guides to cover the needs of these examinations. We hope that our book will provide a helpful hand that does not come from the standard text books, but directly from daily practice and therefore contains a high content of “how to do it” and “why we do it.” The references show the close relation between daily practice and “evidence based” practice, and we hope the two are not too different.

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Preface to the Second Edition

The author's principal objective of the first edition was the presentation of the principles of vascular and endovascular surgery through interactive real life clinical scenarios. The success of the first edition has been gratifying. We have received many suggestions for additions and changes from vascular trainees, specialists and teachers at various institutions in Europe, USA and other parts of the world. These comments have been well received and have been important in improving and expanding the second edition. We wish to acknowledge our appreciation and gratitude to our authors and publishers.

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Preface to the Third Edition

The third edition updated most chapters that were focusing on the endovascular management of arterial and venous disease providing the reader with practical and updated, well referenced information on the full spectrum of options for the management of vascular disease. We are pleased to report the translation of the second edition of our book to Portuguese. We wish to express our thanks to our authors and publishers for their contribution to this project.

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