

Acknowledgments

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Preface

This textbook provides an in-depth discussion of all aspects of nasal reconstruction. Like the first edition, it is designed to be a “working man’s” manual for repair of cutaneous defects of the nose, providing practical and effective methods of reconstructing skin defects in a variety of sizes, configurations, and locations.

This is the second edition of a textbook published in 2002. Although the majority of the illustrations used in this edition are the same as those appearing in the first edition, the book is quite different. All of the chapters appearing in the first edition and included in this edition have been upgraded by introducing new concepts or additional information and most of these chapters have been lengthened. New chapters showing examples of complex nasal repair have been included in this edition. Most of the chapters in the book have been authored by myself. This is due to a conscious effort on my part to present personal surgical techniques and my philosophy of using local flaps in nasal reconstruction. Although this may have restricted the diversity of surgical approaches available for discussion, it enables a textbook with a more homogenous narrative and consistent message. Another major difference between the two editions is the inclusion of a DVD with the current work. The DVD demonstrates the design and transfer of a multitude of local flaps performed in the operating room. In addition to showing uncomplicated cases using simple cutaneous flaps, very complex defects requiring multiple flaps and grafts are included in the DVD.

This work represents the culmination of 32 years of cooperative interaction between me and the dermatological surgeons at the University of Michigan. During this interval, we have shared the care of a few thousand patients, which I believe was to the patient’s benefit. This cooperative arrangement facilitated the interchange of knowledge and experience, which led to a hybrid of surgical approaches for the repair of nasal defects. This cross-fertilization of ideas was a direct benefit to me and my ability to care for patients and is the source of my desire to edit this textbook. This book would not have been possible without the cooperation of all of the dermatological surgeons in the Department of Dermatology at the University of Michigan. For this reason, I express my sincere gratitude to all of them for their continued support and confidence in me.

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