

Atlas of Gynecologic Surgery

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The Atlas of Gynecologic Surgery has a long and respected tradition, going back to its first German edition in 1960 and culminating with its last English edition in 1997. Since that time, gynecology as a science and the repertoire of gynecologic surgeries and procedures have changed and

evolved in many significant and dramatic ways. The task of consolidating this constantly growing knowledge and transforming it, with the application of a multiplying number of techniques, into the best possible surgical treatments for patients is becoming more and more challenging for gynecologists.

This mega volume is a structured presentation of both the researcher's and the surgeon's view of the various abdominal, vaginal and endoscopic operations in our field, a presentation that is lucid and placed in the right context.

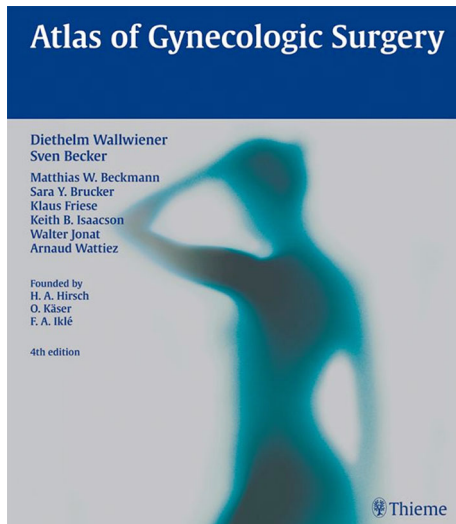
The introductory chapters are followed by a topographical organization into sections treating the uterus, adnexa, vulva/vagina, and pelvic floor. Wherever indicated, a distinction is made between abdominal (open), vaginal, and endoscopic approaches. The chapters on surgical techniques begin with the simpler operations and move on to the more complex techniques. At the same

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time, the Operation Navigator, a highlight of this book, facilitates a convenient search from the disease to the indication to the operation of choice.

This atlas is a modern surgical authority with more than 1,100 illustrations that gives a comprehensive and current picture of operative gynecology and obstetrics. This is a work rich in tradition that lays out the entire field of operative gynecology in detail and at the highest level. The collection of still-applicable illustrations from earlier editions and more than 500 new drawings contribute to the new composition of a work of excellent aesthetic and didactic quality.

A superb work of art as well as an outstanding clinical reference, this book continues the rich tradition of earlier editions by providing unparalleled coverage of the entire field of gynecologic surgery. This new fourth edition with inputs by numerous internationally recognized experts offers completely updated content, user-friendly features, and the cornerstone of the book: an art program of astounding quality. The Editors have thanked their medical artist, Reinhold Henkel, for over 10 years of close and highly creative collaboration. Reinhold Henkel passed away in 2013, and the world of medical art has lost an exceptional artist.

It is indispensable for gynecologic surgeons or residents who need to review, refresh, or fine-tune their skills in preparation for surgery, while being alerted to pitfalls and possible complications at every juncture.

Complete with expert foundational chapters on pre- and postoperative treatment, informed consent, instrumentation, indications and contraindications, risks and complications, and more, this book is both beautiful and informative. Its step-by-step didactic concept is ideal for residents-in-training, while its detailed description of both common and rare procedures makes it useful for experienced surgeons. For all specialists, Atlas of Gynecologic Surgery is a standard, must-have reference on current methodology and clinical protocols in this rapidly evolving field.