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INVITED BOOK REVIEW

Vaginal Hysterectomy

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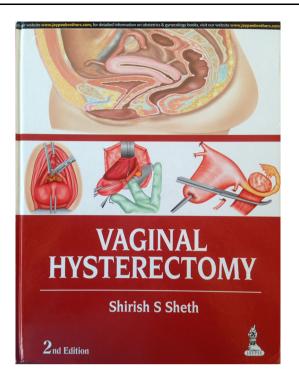
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The second edition of this book, published 12 years after the first edition, is an excellent source of updated, authoritative, and detailed information on Vaginal Hysterectomy. Written in an easy to read and understand language, supported with plenty of colour pictures, illustrations, MRI pictures and algorithms, the book is a wonderful resource for all levels of gynaecological practitioners.

The 34 chapters of the book follows a logical approach from the indications and contraindications, preoperative management, procedural and technical details, to discuss the use of vaginal hysterectomy in different indications, likely to be encountered difficulties, complications and comparisons between different modalities of hysterectomy. The book takes you stepwise through the technique of vaginal hysterectomy with accompanying pictures and illustrations so that the reader can actually visualize the technique stepwise. Algorithms have been used to help the operator decide between the routes of hysterectomy in various clinical situations. The emphasis of the book has been on the practical and everyday challenges faced during the decision making in a standard clinical setup and provides a thorough understanding of how to select the best

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procedure, how to avoid complications and what outcomes to expect.

One of the world's foremost vaginal surgeons and a team of eminent gynaecologists, anaesthesiologists, physicians and surgeons have come together to deliver a thorough, up-to-date exhaustively referenced and a clinically relevant textbook.

It is an inspiring book presented in a lucid and simple language, well illustrated, practical and clinically oriented, and will be a useful tool for all practitioners and serves as a guide for all the students and newcomers.