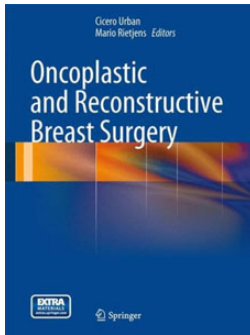


Book Review



Cicero Urban and Mario Rietjens, eds. *Oncoplastic and Reconstructive Breast Surgery*. New York, NY: Springer, 2013. ISBN-10: 8847026512, ISBN-13: 978-8847026513, \$239.00.

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Oncoplastic and Reconstructive Breast Surgery is a nice addition to existing reference guides for breast reconstructive surgery. Many principles are discussed by a diverse group of authors from around the world, encompassing 457 pages. The text is divided into 7 sections with a total of 49 chapters. Illustrations and detailed pre- and postoperative photographs are included to summarize some of the key principles, surgical planning, and possible complications from the procedures.

STRENGTHS

The strengths of this text are many as it is focused on teaching the principles of all types of reconstructive surgery when faced with a variety of types of patients and breast diseases. It also highlights the international experience, which is always useful to our colleagues who are in different countries and do not have exposure to one another's national or local conferences. As a US surgeon, one can learn a great deal from non-US surgeons through this text and the same holds true for the non-US surgeons learning from US surgeons. The next strength includes the detailed and thoughtful outline of the sections. For example, in section 1, some of the basic principles highlighted include the anatomy of the breast, cancer pathology, consultation details, and principles and consequences of radiotherapy. The next section has 9 chapters dedicated to partial breast reconstruction, which is extremely useful and detailed. The next few sections are also well done and include breast reconstruction after mastectomy with 12 dedicated chapters

followed by 4 chapters in the next section that are dedicated to the management of complications. What is unique to this book is that there is a section dedicated to "breast reconstruction in special populations," which among others includes pregnant, lactating, and elderly patients.

WEAKNESSES

The text is very comprehensive and extremely well done. Even though there is a section that is dedicated to fat grafting, I would say based on available fat grafting tools to date, this chapter could have been more detailed and maybe another chapter could have been dedicated to what's available today for surgeons. When this book went into print, it is possible that many of the tools that we have today may not have been available to the Brazilian authors who were assigned to this chapter. There are no videos associated with this textbook and some videos for certain procedures could have been useful to the readers.

SUMMARY

I would like to congratulate Drs. Urban and Rietjens for compiling a detailed research book dedicated to reconstructive breast surgery. This is an extremely helpful textbook for any surgeon who is studying and/or performing reconstructive breast surgery. The detail and illustrations in each chapter are reader friendly and ensures this book can be used as a reference for any type of reconstructive surgery. The photographs are of good quality and illustrated

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algorithms are practical. This is an easy to read text with a logically flowing structure. Nearly all types of issues that reconstructive surgeons face are covered in this text, and I recommend this book highly to the readership.

RATING: 5 OF 5

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