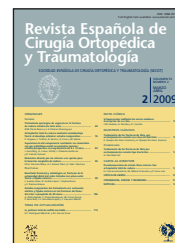


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BOOK REVIEW

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This is the ninth volume in the "SECOT Monographs" series. It combines a majority of chapters by highly experienced Spanish surgeons with a few chapters written by prestigious foreign authors.

Once again we must thank SECOT for their generosity in making available to us high quality bibliographical resources on topical or controversial issues at a reasonable cost.

The book is made up of 18 chapters: the first 8 are devoted to basic concepts, planning and recommended attitudes in dealing with hip replacement failure. The ninth chapter discusses the infected hip prosthesis. The tenth and eleventh chapters systematize the treatment options currently available to the surgeon. In this connection, one of the interesting features of the book is the way in which the contents in these 2 chapters are distributed, i.e. therapeutic options are discussed as a function of the different implants available. The following 4 chapters deal with different topics related to fractures in the context of hip arthroplasty and neurovascular complications. The last 4 chapters are devoted to the latest advances and technologies applied to hip prosthetic surgery.

The chapters are well structured and draw on up-to-date bibliography, although the volume would have been richer if the authors had included some of their personal and, why not, critical perspective on the methods discussed.

As I have said, the book performs an exhaustive review of the procedures available for hip reconstruction, describing not only specific surgical techniques but also their peculiarities, advantages and disadvantages, as well as the expectations they create.

On the whole, the result is a book written with great skill, endorsed by Elsevier, one of the most prestigious medical publishing companies in the world.

It is an attractive volume addressed to specialists interested in furthering their knowledge of the above mentioned aspects of hip surgery. Its specific usefulness lies in the fact that it clarifies biological and mechanical concepts and systematizes the most current procedures. As such it will be used as a reference work by even the most seasoned of surgeons.

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