



BOOK REVIEW

Manual of peripheral nerve surgery: from the basics to complex procedures, edited by Mariano Socolovsky, Lukas Rasulic, Rajiv Midha, Debora Garozzo, 1st edition, Stuttgart, New York, Thieme Publishing Group, 2017, ISBN-10: 978-3-13-240955-2, 238 pp., CNY 88.00

The *Manual of Peripheral Nerve Surgery* is a fantastic book dealing with all aspects of the peripheral nervous system. This book is extremely well-written by a panel of experts in the field (members of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies [WFNS] – Peripheral Nerve Committee). It is a collective manual conceived for neurosurgeons, plastic surgeons, orthopaedic surgeons, and hand surgeons, both in training and in professional practice. It reviews the peripheral nerve anatomy, the pathophysiology and classic lesions with their diagnostic and treatment.

The manual is succinctly written, in a clear and attractive language. It is comprehensive even if concise. The book is made of 23 chapters. One of its strengths is the exceptional quality of the 267 illustrations, including many high-quality images (radiological images, colour illustrations, and photographs of dissections) which help in visualising and comprehending the text better.

The manual spans a spectrum of topics normally only seen in high-quality textbooks. This book reviews the peripheral nerve disorders including entrapment, injuries such as gunshot wounds, the various plexus systems and associated injuries, facial nerve surgery,

compression neuropathy and tumours, neuropathic pain management, and much more.

The *Manual of Peripheral Nerve Surgery: From the Basics to Complex Procedures* offers pearls for the beginner and the subspecialist. It goes from basics to the complex. This manual is certain to become a much-used reference resource for residents and practising surgeons alike.

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