

BOOK REVIEW

Hernia surgery, edited by Volker Schumpelick, Georg Arlt, Joachim Conze, Karsten Junge and Georg Thieme Verlag KG, Germany, Thieme Publishers Stuttgart, 2019, 329 pp

Abdominal wall and hernia surgery constitute the most frequent surgical procedures performed by abdominal and general surgeons. Despite that fact, complications are not rare and sometimes impair the quality of life of the patients for decades. Recurrence can also be the consequence of inadequate surgical technique. It is, therefore, of great importance to improve the results of our abdominal wall surgery for the best of the Belgian population.

The book entitled 'Hernia surgery' (Thieme Verlag Editor, Germany) is the translation of the fifth edition of a book first published 25 years ago in German, 'Hernien'. This fifth edition has been conducted in part by Pr Volker Schumpelick, professor emeritus of the University of Aachen, Germany, who has a tremendous experience in abdominal wall surgery and by 3 other famous German surgeons involved in the field, Pr Arlt, Pr Conze, and Pr Junge. Despite these 25 years, this new version of the book is very modern, including laparoscopic techniques for hernia repair. The quality of the

edition is quite high with a very good paper. In addition to the paper book, purchasing this manual will allow you to download a virtual pdf version that can be used to read on a tablet or a computer, and to prepare a presentation.

This book is a very good and comprehensive state of the art on the subject. It is very well illustrated by many high-quality drawings that greatly help to understand the different surgical techniques and anatomical planes. It explores both open and laparoscopic abdominal wall repairs, with various surgical options. This book should be available in any department of visceral surgery.

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