
The author's purpose to furnish for those interested in this branch of surgery a concise practical aid to both experimental and clinical applications of vascular operative technic has been well accomplished.

In the consideration of this subject chapters have been devoted to general technic, transfusion, end-to-end and lateral anastomosis, transplantation of segments, arterial and venous, reversal of the circulation for the prevention and treatment of gangrene, the treatment of varicose veins, surgery of the heart and aneurisms, and is concluded by an extremely valuable statistical study of aneurismal therapy. A careful study of this commendable monograph suggests but one criticism and one that is not easy to overcome. Every step advised in the text is of such actual consequence that it might be overlooked as unessential since all could not be emphasized. Anyone who has attempted to do this work or who has seen the work of those who have become proficient can realize and appreciate the excellent manner in which the technicalities have been presented. If there is one branch of surgery above all others in which a constancy of good results is dependent upon an irreproachable technic rather than upon a contest against time, it is in vascular surgery and only such as are willing to acquire and to preserve this rigid technic are justified morally in attempting its application to the human subject.

In addition to being an excellent and impartial summary of the work done by others there are presented very ingenious methods devised by the author, notably in transfusion and in the reversal of the circulation by means of a lateral rather than an end-to-end arteriovenous anastomosis. In a study of the treatment of aneurisms only the more acceptable methods are presented, the results of which are portrayed in the statistics contained in the last chapter.

The illustrations throughout are excellent and sufficiently numerous to make every important point certain of understanding. Altogether this book is not only instructive and suggestive, but also of distinct practical value.

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