

**BOOK REVIEW**

**Endovascular and open vascular reconstruction — a practical approach.**

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This book is a large size, full colour, hardback book that is designed as a practical guide for both established surgeons and vascular trainees. It provides a comprehensive and to the point overview of many vascular procedures. The 59 chapters are written by different contributors who all are experts in the field.

The book is divided into three sections: the first is on endovascular techniques, the second on open surgical techniques, and the third section covers venous reconstruction. The chapters are classified by type of procedure rather than the indication. Therefore, it's easy to find what you need in order to plan or prepare for a specific reconstruction.

I found the chapters to be very intuitive. For most techniques, the authors provide short background information about the indications followed by important practical points such as patient preparation or pre-operative planning. The focus is on the description of the procedural

reconstruction. This is not written in a step by step order, but it is fairly easy to follow with several illustrative references. Some figures show a nice overview of the general anatomy; others might be focused on stitch techniques. In most cases, pitfalls and complications are also emphasised.

As with all surgical procedures, a relatively wide variation in techniques exists, which makes it difficult to pick the best one. The benefit of this book is that the authors describe the optimal technique based on their own experience. However, they also highlight that there might be other options and, in most cases describe these options. At the same time, some procedural steps or techniques are better defined and therefore emphasised as 'must dos'. This approach appears really helpful for trainees or young vascular surgeons. Overall, I thoroughly recommend this book and found it worthwhile during my training to become a vascular surgeon.

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