

Facial reconstruction after Mohs surgery, 1st edition

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Facial reconstruction after Mohs surgery, published by Thieme, is a novel first edition textbook written by James Thornton and Jourdan Carboy. Dr Thornton, a plastic surgeon and professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, presents a unique book reflecting the design and technique in his surgical practice pertaining to facial defects after Mohs surgical excision within an academic setting.

The book is divided into 3 sections. The first is an overview of Mohs surgery, anesthesia, and the broad basis for appropriate surgical repair. The second section divides optimal repair types on the basis of location on the face and introduces algorithms for regional reconstruction options. The final section focuses on management of complications and revisionary surgery. The text is accompanied by access to a library of 21 online videos deftly demonstrating more complex repairs and technique, capably narrated by Dr Thornton.

Illustrations are well-chosen and visually convey well with the myriad of step-by-step clinical photos comprising the book. Although the text does discuss the general operating room occasionally, most of the topics and text apply to post-Mohs reconstruction performed under local anesthesia in the outpatient setting.

Within its' pages are a wealth of technique and practical tips typically only learned in real-time in the operative theater. But given the single surgeon monograph, the reconstructions and algorithms are not encyclopedic and do not delve into subtle variations of design or combination repair. However, the sections on management of complications and revision offer extremely valuable information on a topic few surgeons are willing to write or expand upon.

Overall, Drs Thornton and Carboy present a cohesive text that holds great benefit to anyone performing facial reconstruction after Mohs surgery. This book certainly deserves a place as a library reference for the excellent surgical technique and finessed tips, which it presents so beautifully.

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