Spinal Deformities - The Essentials

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concentration of the whole of the problems with which a specialised surgeon is confronted can be found in surgery for spinal deformities: difficult indications, wide fusion and its complications, significant morbidity and mortality for a functional surgery. RF Heary and TJ Albert brought together in this book their colleagues from the other side of the Atlantic to expose their views on the complex problems raised by this surgery. And as opposed to what would imply the subtitle, it is not only the essence which is addressed here. This work goes well beyond basic knowledge: it offers an up-to-date and exhaustive panorama of spinal deformities. The book is divided into two parts: principles of spinal deformities and treatment of spinal deformities. The black-and-white iconography is abundant. This work is remarkable and must be very highly recommended. However, it is regrettable that European authors were not invited to take part in this book, given that they are at the origin of the modern surgical treatment of spinal deformities. • This book review was previously published in Eur J Orthop Surg Traumatol (2010), 20: 345.

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Intervertebral Disc Diseases: Causes, Diagnosis, Treatment and Prophylaxis

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The fundamental role of the disc in spinal motion and the important progress we have made in the knowledge of its form of biological deterioration in time partly justifies the 3rd edition of this work. The contents are particularly exhaustive: history, epidemiology, anatomy, physiology, biomechanics, degenerative and non-degenerative disc diseases, cervical, thoracic and lumbar syndromes,

pain and natural history. The last four chapters offer compelling and practical insights on: the spine and the mind, back school, sports, and medico-legal assessment. The authors succeed in reconciling exhaustiveness and synthesis thanks to summary tables and an excellent iconography. The bibliography, where often Germanic sources prevail, is very astutely provided on a website, which makes it possible to lighten the workload.

Pathology of the intervertebral discs represents certainly the first cause of consultation in spinal degenerative diseases and thus interests for this reason many key players in the management of this pathology: functional general doctors, rheumatologists, rehabilitation doctors, and surgeons. This very successful book will certainly assist a great number of them. • This book review was previously published in Eur J Orthop Surg Traumatol (2010) online (Springerlink) on March 2010.

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