

lication date and the timeliness of many of these articles, which appear to have been completed up to five years before the publication date. Nevertheless, this work is unique and serves as a comprehensive and useful review for urologists working with genitourinary prostheses.

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**DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT
OF BREAST CANCER:
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The purpose of this book is to present an eclectic and international overview of advances in the detection and management of breast cancer. The text is based on presentations delivered at the International Breast Cancer Congress held in Monte Carlo in April, 1980. The 43 concise chapters, for the most part, provide well-written overviews of areas in which there have been recent advances. There are excellent chapters on biologic markers and on hormone receptors. The surgical treatment section provides an update of the data

from the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast Project comparing radical mastectomy with total mastectomy with total mastectomy and radiation. There are reports of retrospective reviews of treatment of primary breast cancer by partial mastectomy with or without radiotherapy from France, the United States, and Canada, as well as the results from a small prospective trial from France. There are eight chapters devoted to multiple advances in breast reconstruction as well as psychosocial aspects of rehabilitation. The treatment of advanced disease is briefly covered.

The majority of the presentations are succinct and quite readable. Several of the contributions by authors whose first language is not English would have benefitted from more careful editing and translation into idiomatic English.

This book does not have any specific microsurgical relevance, but it may appeal to those who deal with the problem of breast cancer. It is not a basic text on the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer, but rather it goes beyond the material available in the standard texts to present reviews that should be of particular interest to surgeons.

The quality of production, printing, and paper is excellent.

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