

The first edition of *Minimally Invasive Pancreatic Surgery* provides an excellent resource for all trainees and surgeons looking for a book that can help them review the field of minimally invasive pancreatic surgery. Over the last two decades, the minimally invasive approach has become well established in pancreatic surgery and is frequently employed for distal pancreatectomies. Furthermore, it is now being utilized by experienced surgeons at high volume centers to perform more complex pancreatectomies including the Whipple procedure and pancreatectomies requiring vascular resections. I believe that over the next decade minimally invasive approach will become a standard approach for most pancreatic resections. It is therefore vital for all trainees and practicing surgeons performing these procedures to be well-versed in this approach.

Fittingly, the book starts with an article by Dr. Kooby, a leading expert and thought leader in the field. Therein, he provides a commentary on a report from the Dutch Pancreatic Cancer Group (DPCG) on their experience disseminating a nationwide training program for minimally invasive distal pancreatectomy. Two other chapters in the book provide detailed insight into establishing training programs for training surgeons in laparoscopic and robotic pancreatic surgery. These, together are an excellent resource for all planning to establish minimally invasive pancreatic surgery programs at their centers.

For the ease of reading, the book has been divided into two broad sections; laparoscopic surgery and robotic surgery. The book is short, easy to review and focuses on a pancreatic resection alone, unlike a majority of other textbooks available of minimally invasive surgery that are currently being used by trainees, and practicing surgeons. The book can be reviewed by readers from cover to cover to get an in depth understanding of the field. Alternately, it can be reviewed by them as individual chapters if they are interested in the preoperative planning, surgical approach, and management of patients undergoing a particular procedure.

Three aspects of this book make it unique. Firstly, in addition to frequently performed pancreatectomies i.e. the Whipple procedure and distal pancreatectomy, it discusses other forms of pancreatic resections including central pancreatectomy, enucleation, and pancreatectomy requiring complex vascular resection or multiorgan resection. Secondly, for a better understanding of the techniques, a majority of the chapters are accompanied with videos. In the case of laparoscopic and robotic surgery, these serve as excellent visual tools for study. The list of references provided at the end of each chapter provide additional resources for further learning. Lastly, various aspects of the same procedure are discussed by experts on minimally invasive pancreatic surgery from across the world. Reading each chapter will allow readers to appreciate the nuances in surgical techniques and patient management across various centers around the world.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce this book to the surgical community and hope that it will prove valuable to trainees and practicing surgeons globally.



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