Complications in Facial Plastic Surgery

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Prevention, diagnosis and adequate management of complications are essential in current medical practice. This is especially true in facial plastic surgery. Patients with complications in this area are confronted with an aesthetic result-that can not be concealed-on a daily basis and often they will have to face up with associated functional problems. Randolph B. Capone and Jonathan M. Sykes therefore have given us an important and valuable book. In many textbooks and scientific literature this topic is often underestimated but they are inescapable for all who practice surgery of the face regardless of experience or expertise. This book is well balanced and structured; it contains 17 excellent chapters by a number of international renowned experts. All the major themes in facial plastic surgery are covered from minimally invasive to the most challenging reconstructive procedures. The chapters include complications in the cosmetic office setting, anesthesia complications, complications in hair restoration, as well as rhinoplasty, facelift, brow rejuvenation, upper- and lower eyelid surgery but also locoregional flap reconstruction. The book also describes complications with facial implantation and surgical correction of congenital anomalies as well as orthognathic surgery; it is all well covered and beautifully illustrated with many full color clinical pictures. All chapters include pearls of wisdom, a structured and easy accessible summary. One chapter of major importance is about the management of the dissatisfied patient. It focuses on the psychological aspects of the plastic surgery patient, which I believe is mandatory for a successful surgical outcome. In conclusion, this book is well balanced and complete, it is essential for all who practice plastic surgery in the face.

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