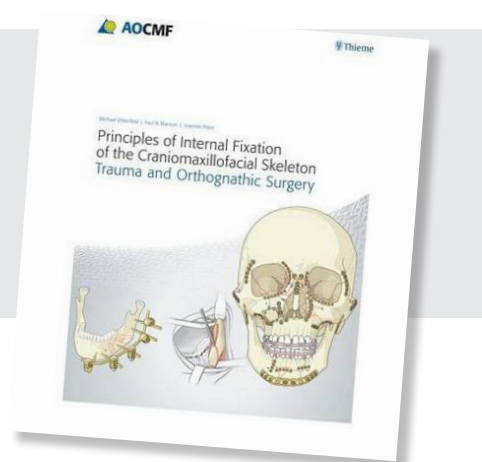


Principles of internal fixation of the craniomaxillofacial skeleton – trauma and orthognathic surgery

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Recently published by the AOCMF, this book is intended to be a manual of internal fixation of the craniofacial skeleton. The editors are oral and maxillofacial and plastic surgeons, but the book also includes chapters written by otolaryngologists. It is a thorough review that includes chapters on basic principles such as fracture healing and implant types as well as an overview of trauma care. There are separate sections detailing the treatment of fractures in all areas of the craniomaxillofacial skeleton, some of which are more relevant to the ENT surgeon than others. For example, the section covering skull base fractures includes fractures through the frontal sinus and anterior and lateral skull base as well as cranial vault fractures. The midface section discusses the management of nasal fractures as well as naso-orbitoethmoid complex fractures. The relevant anatomy is covered concisely at the beginning of each section. The 275 illustrations are mainly drawings, with only a few CT scans and photographs. However, the pictures are clear and helpful, particularly those relating to operative techniques.

In summary, with its main focus on traumatic facial fractures, this book is most useful for surgeons who manage facial trauma. Some chapters will be of interest to rhinologists, facial plastic surgeons, skull base surgeons and head and neck surgeons, either in a trauma setting or for reconstruction after tumour surgery.

This is a well-written review of internal fixation of the craniomaxillofacial skeleton that is likely to be relevant to maxillofacial surgeons, otolaryngologists with a skull base interest or those choosing to develop a facial trauma practice.

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