Atlas of Rhinoplasty: Open and Endonasal Approaches, 2nd Edition

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This second edition of Atlas of Rhinoplasty, from Dr. Gilbert Aiach, a recognized world leader in nasal surgery, is a culmination of his two and a half–decade experience in treating noses. Cosmetic nasal surgery, often described as the most difficult of all cosmetic procedures, takes many years of practice before one can even begin to understand the finer details. Dr. Aiach’s book attempts to shorten that learning curve for the rest of us. Therefore, the “personal diary” from such an esteemed rhinoplasty surgeon is welcomed.

The book is easy to read and full of well-positioned diagrams, graphics, and supporting clinical photographs illustrating teaching points. The book starts with a foundation-building chapter on the physical examination and diagnosis and progresses to the very detailed work of revision rhinoplasty. Included is a chapter by Dr. Lucien Gomulinski on the treatment of the deviated nose, a frequently encountered challenge for many rhinoplasty surgeons.

This book can be helpful to both the early nasal surgeon and the expert. The initial chapters, which are essential to the novice, may be skimmed by the seasoned rhinoplasty surgeon. Subsequent chapters, which reveal the details of revision rhinoplasty, are probably best understood following years of intraoperative experience.

In particular, the cutaneous surgeon may find benefit from chapters with photographs and descriptions detailing the terminology, anatomy, and examination protocols for nasal surgery. Additionally, there are in-depth descriptions of proper dissection planes and important blood supply routes of the nose.

Additional important educational pointers are gained from the chapter on functional grafts, the middle vault, and alar collapse. This chapter identifies the cause and effects of nasal obstruction. The cutaneous surgeon who finds himself or herself resecting cartilage of the nose may benefit from understanding the mechanism of obstruction and techniques for correcting the compromised nasal valve.

Overall, Atlas of Rhinoplasty, Open and Endonasal Approaches, 2nd Edition, is a valuable addition to the library of any surgeon who operates around the nose.

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