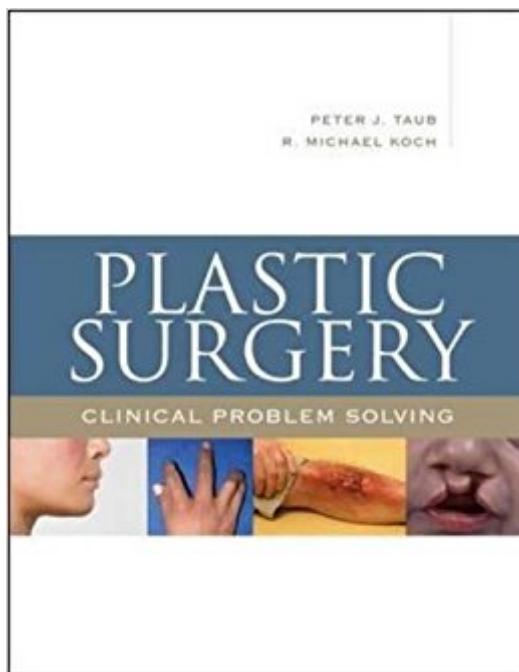


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# Plastic Surgery: Clinical Problem Solving



## Synopsis

Learn how to manage commonly encountered problems in plastic and reconstructive surgery with this unique case-based approach "The editors have produced a powerful source of knowledge that is easy to use and quite satisfying. Their book ushers readers through 52 plastic surgery cases and details the logical manner in which to objectively evaluate, ponder, and solve problems that each presents....The recognized experts who contribute to this book have translated complex subjects into an erudite syllabus that can be read and understood by a multitude of readers in plastic surgery, including students, residents, and recently trained and veteran plastic surgeons....Reading this book is an enjoyable experience. How much better can learning be than to have fun, test one's clinical acumen, and take away a fund of knowledge? 3 Stars."--Doody's Review Service Covering head, neck, trunk, extremities, and cosmetic concerns, this sourcebook uses numerous visual clinical scenarios to illustrate essential plastic and reconstructive surgical principles. Each chapter is organized by a well-illustrated case, followed by algorithms that take you through effective management strategies and clinically relevant information. The result is an ideal resource for oral board preparation and a valuable primer for students, residents, and attending physicians from diverse specialties. FEATURES: The first resource of its kind, based on visual clinical scenarios designed to sharpen clinical-decision making Each case includes an algorithm to guide management strategies An extensive, high-yield collection of information and insights for each case Practical pearls from leading authorities close each case and provide concept-clarifying take-away points Full-color clinical photos add emphasis to must-know points throughout each case Suggested references provide further information on each subject

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I don't think there was sufficient editing of this book--it is lacking figures that are referenced in the text, there are typos and sentences that don't make sense in nearly every chapter. It was hastily put together in my humble opinion. While it covers the whole gamut of topics, and there are some "big name" authors, this is not a worthwhile purchase. Save your money and buy a different book. I wish I could get my money back.

So yes there are inaccuracies, but overall the photos and layout help you organize how to study for the Oral board exam. Don't rely on the author's ideas to guide you, but do your own studying to come up with your own answers for each question. What helped is using the photos with a friend to study with by asking each other what they would do and then critiquing your answers. The text in the book is seriously lacking and needs updating. So I give it 3 stars for having photos on the topics that WILL be tested but give it 1 star for text content.

Big names notwithstanding, this book has nothing new to offer. Not only is the information sketchy, the authors also make an unconvincing effort to give it a coherent form. Overall, this book is definitely not for the plastic surgery fellow or resident.

Purchased this review book for oral examinations during residency as well as preparation for Boards. There appears to be adequate breadth of material, however poor organization of topics makes coherent studying difficult. The picture format is good for preparation of personal thought process, however the text is way too Pre-op oriented and minimal, minimal operative management, complications, and treatment options. The book purports an algorithmic approach to each problem, however the algorithms at the end of each chapter contain minimal information, do not direct the decision process, and do not fulfill the meaning of "algorithm". Furthermore, there are many

typographical errors, incorrect oncological treatments and staging, e.g melanoma staging with centimeters, etc. The diagrams that depict procedures are inadequate, such as an Antia-Buch diagram that truly does not depict the procedure and Rhomboid flap diagrams that do not accurately reflect which flap is elevated, etc. Furthermore, in cases where a more diagrammatical description of a local flap would be beneficial, there is none. I feel that for a quick picture based review of what we may see on boards this is adequate, however must be supplemented by up to date and correct information. I would not recommend purchase of this book and would recommend a more thorough editing of the material presented.

This book is a poor reference and a waste of time/money for anyone actually preparing for the oral or written boards. It looks like a few quick notes put together by program directors in hopes that residents will buy the book. Pick something better

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