

Foreword

Thyroid disease is one common and frequently occurring disease, which is very harmful to human health. Thyroid cancer is one of the most common endocrine malignancies, and also one of the few malignancies with ascending occurrence rates. Rapid development of economy in recent years has advanced the progress of medical technology, making more and more novel technologies widely applied. The treatments for thyroid disease have been also constantly updated and improved, of which surgery plays a quite significant role.

Over the last decade there has been a rapid expansion in the number of different surgical approaches available to patients undergoing thyroid/parathyroid surgery. These articles from the book *Thyroid Surgery* were written by the world known experts in the field of thyroid surgery. Specially, multiple articles are covering the range of most widely adopted remote access techniques and minimally invasive procedures. Several related procedures are also discussed, including robotic lateral neck dissection.

This book does not contain that definitive data that well establish the role of *Thyroid Surgery* in the very field, while providing readers with the up-to-date knowledge and advanced techniques in the area of thyroid surgery, adding the precious experience of experts across the world. From the advance of the basic research of thyroid disease to the spectacular progress of thyroid surgery, from neck dissection in differentiated thyroid carcinoma to video-assisted and robotic-assisted thyroid/parathyroid surgery, the book will show readers a vivid picture of the recent progress of thyroid surgery.

I'm of great honor to be invited to write this preface for this fantastic new book on thyroid surgery and here would like to congratulate the editors, Profs. Tian and Kandil, as well as the authors on the success of this forthcoming book. I believe this comprehensive collection of articles will be a valuable resource for all thyroid related practitioners, medical personals and scientists who devote their professions to science and patients. I also wish that readers could always find an article of your interest from this book.



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