

Preface

We are very pleased to announce the launch of the book *Thyroid Surgery*, with the collective effort from the eminent thyroid experts around the world.

Since its first introduction, thyroid Surgery has developed for more than 100 years. Particularly in the past few decades, the technique of thyroid surgery becomes more and more matured and refined.

It is inspiring to witness thyroid Surgery has become the main treatment for thyroid cancer. However, limited by current understanding and evidence, thyroid Surgery still faces quite a lot of challenges. For example, it remains controversial regarding how to avoid the potential damage of recurrent laryngeal nerve during surgery and what is the indication for Subtotal thyroidectomy and total thyroidectomy. It is time for us to take a retrospective journey on thyroid Surgery with an outlook on its future.

Keeping that in mind, the book on thyroid cancer aims to be an operative manual and reference in clinical practice. Instead of only focusing on thyroid surgery and being didactic and pedantic, the book gives an overview on current evidence and the state-of-art in thyroid surgery with case presentation.

From basic Research of thyroid tumors to efficacy analysis of different surgical treatment, the book will also facilitate the translation from basic research to clinical practice.

We believe this textbook will set a basis for future consensus and guideline in thyroid surgery. Finally our sincere thanks go to all the authors for their valuable input that makes this collective work possible.

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