

With the evolution of modern technology and surgical technique, video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS) has been widely accepted as an effective surgical approach for treating various thoracic diseases. It has been demonstrated feasible for performing various thoracic surgical procedures including lobectomy, segmentectomy and bronchoplasty. Also there is always a challenge existing for the standardization of VATS procedures. It is now acceptable for the VATS to be performed with multi-port, single-port or even robotic-assisted approaches. I am happy to know that the AME Publishing Company will publish a text book for the VATS procedures. It no doubt can provide the readers a short-cut to approach these diversified as well as technical-demanding surgical procedures from reading the clinical experiences provided by the experts of this field in the world.

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