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Surgical technique is continuously evolving as physicians remain vigilant in their search for excellence. It has been 10 years since the last edition of this work. Much has changed in these years because of the collective efforts of those surgeons around the globe who are seeking ways to contribute to iterations that progressively make surgery safer, less invasive, and more successful. In addition, modern times have called for a focus on making surgical approaches cost effective. All these were the impetus for us to create a third edition of this text.

The role of minimally invasive surgery has continued to expand over the past decade. This text recognizes this reality through new and updated chapters. Indeed, most extirpative and reconstructive urologic procedures are now performed through keyhole incisions. Facilitating this trend has been the application of da Vinci surgical approaches to surgery. As such, specific sections and chapters have been added in recognition of this phenomenon.

This edition offers an expanded role for illustrative education. Teaching the art of surgery is so much more enhanced through visual lessons. The number of graphics has been

increased to help clarify the written word. Moreover, in this edition we have added David Leavitt as the video editor. His guidance has provided for an expanded library that allows enhanced understanding of the nuances of each surgical technique through detailed step-by-step instruction.

We are fortunate to have world experts contributing their experience as authors. This text has both well-recognized pioneers and recent innovators. They have painstakingly updated or added chapters that reflect the most up-to-date minimally invasive techniques to treat urologic disease. These authors selected key technical tips to help readers understand important nuances to successfully undertake described procedures.

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