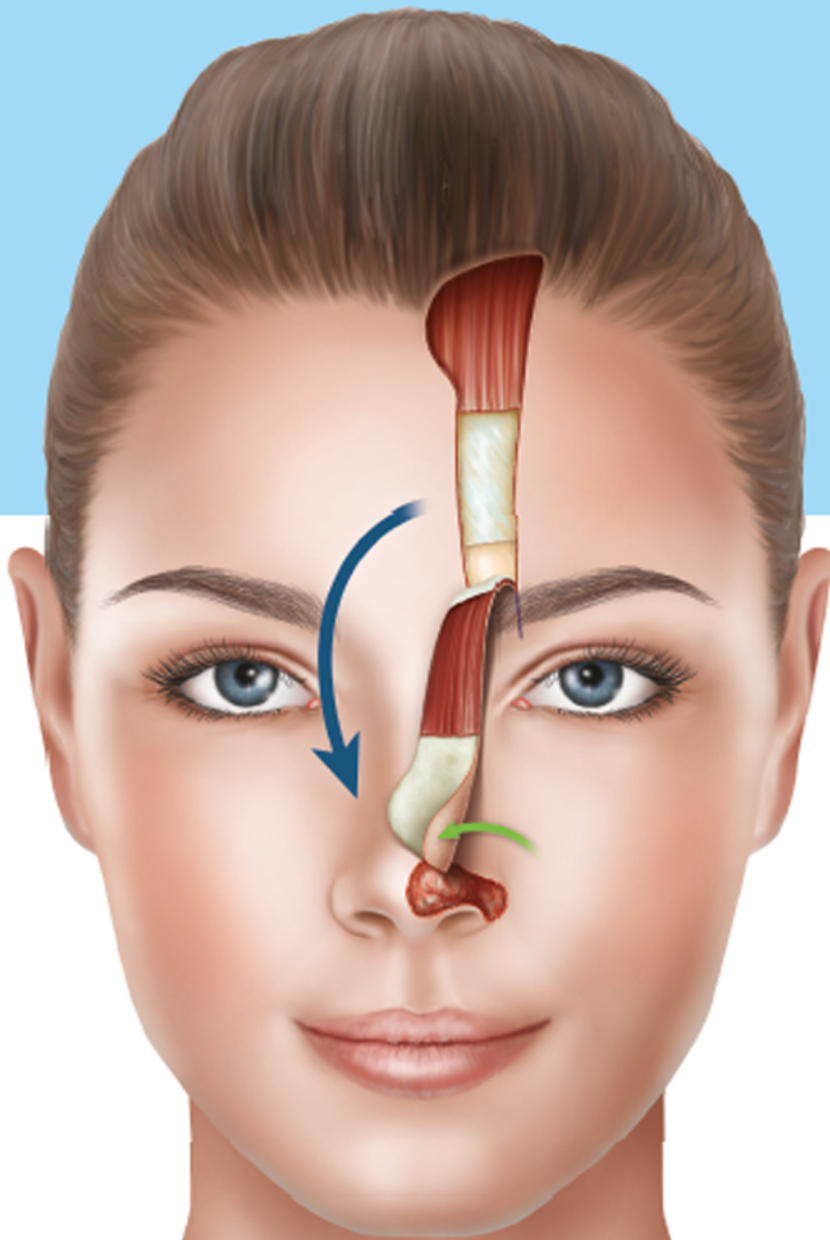


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Preface

The worldwide rise of skin cancer cases, both melanoma and nonmelanoma, has driven the development of effective treatment plans.¹ Mohs surgical excision remains the gold standard of treatment and requires expedient, effective, and safe surgical treatment of the resultant Mohs defects. This book is a summary of 15 years and 12,000 cases in a surgical practice devoted to post-Mohs facial reconstruction. The practice is outpatient and involves daily resident education. The intended audience is both skilled and beginning surgeons. The cases presented were collected over the course of less than a year and by design are not “one-off best results,” but rather are daily working examples of common defects and standard repair techniques. Each presented case is based on hundreds of representative examples and is designed to provide efficacious, safe, aesthetically pleasing, and functionally complete repairs, while remaining respectful of the patient’s age, anesthesia commitments, and available resources. Although the textbook is based on a single surgeon’s practice, experts in the field were included for anesthesia, Mohs surgery, oculoplastic surgery, total ear reconstruction, and microsurgical reconstruction. The textbook is divided into three sections. The first covers the unique management of post-Mohs patients including evaluation for anesthesia and the thought process behind deciding the appropriate surgical repair. The second section discusses the management of defects based on specific anatomic locations. The final section discusses the management of complications and revisions. By book design,

there is enough duplication between the first and second sections that experienced surgeons can jump to section two without content loss. The included algorithms should be considered for general guidance, which look to supplement the principles of the reconstructive decision process, as opposed to rigid pathways. Of note, there is extra emphasis on nasal reconstruction, which reflects the complexity and frequency of nasal repair. Also, a third of the book is devoted to management of complications and revisions, and this is a mere reflection that over 90% of current reconstructed patients would like some improvement of their operative scars.² It also indicates the frequency of referrals for revision of suboptimal results from previous repairs and the importance of addressing the risk of even the rarest of complications. I hope that surgeons across all specialties will find what is written useful and beneficial to their practice.

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