

Book Review

Curbside Consultation in Cataract Surgery: 49 Clinical Questions

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Synopsis: Cataract surgery has evolved to the point that patient satisfaction and expectations are extremely high. Even as cataract surgery continues to evolve, there are still difficult scenarios that may occur during the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative periods. Since these predicaments do not occur frequently, we are often not as experienced or comfortable as we would like when they arise. Forty-nine experts in the field of cataract surgery convey their insight into these situations in this outstanding and concise textbook. This textbook is a resource that can instill the confidence needed to meet these challenge.

Target Audience: Cataract Surgeons.

Review: Dr David Chang has been one of the leaders of the 21st century in the field of cataract surgery. His insight into the unexpected scenarios that can occur during cataract surgery has allowed us to operate in a more comfortable environment and to take the procedure to a new height. Dr Chang assembled an international group of the world's finest cataract surgeons. Each was presented with a practical clinical question as you might ask a colleague you met in the hallway. The information that is provided in this book is useful for anyone from an Ophthalmology resident beginning to perform cataract surgery to an experience cataract surgeon.

This book is divided into 49 quick chapters, each pertaining to the "curbside consultation" question that is poised. Each author's answer is practical and concise, and can easily be incorporated into your surgical armamentarium. The chapters are broken down into preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative questions.

Preoperative questions pertain to patient preparation. The situations presented range from treating the patient with co-morbid disease to the preoperative use of antibiotics and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. Intraoperative questions address situations that can arise during surgery and how to prevent them from developing into a complication. If complications do arise, authors describe the technique necessary to rectify them thereby preventing any further sequelae. Technical questions such as the use of intracameral antibiotics and other medications are presented.

Postoperative questions are answered so as to address both early (e.g., prevent and manage postoperative intraocular pressure spikes) and late (e.g., correct a decentered intraocular lens) complications. Authors also review expected (e.g., How long to follow a piece of descended lens material?) and unexpected (e.g., Toxic Anterior Segment Syndrome (T.A.S.S.)) complications.

The only criticism I can find in reviewing this book is that there are only 49 questions answered.

Fortunately, the 49 questions chosen for review, are probable the most commonly sort after questions poised by cataract surgeons today.

In conclusion, "Curbside Consultation" in Cataract Surgery: 49 Clinical Questions provides information in a practical and concise fashion so that it can easily be incorporated into any practice. This book is a valuable asset to any cataract surgeon.