Relevant Surgical Exposures, by Bernard F. Morrey and Matthew C. Morrey


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Relevant Surgical Exposures is the latest book in the Master Techniques in Orthopaedic Surgery series edited by Bernard Morrey, MD, of the Mayo Clinic. The original series featured 10 titles, each focused on surgical techniques in a particular area. They were well documented and well illustrated then, and this latest volume maintains that reputation.

Relevant Surgical Exposures, edited by Dr. Morrey and his son, Matthew Morrey, MD, focuses on those orthopaedic surgical exposures deemed most important to the orthopaedic surgeon. It combines documentation of well-received traditional exposures with that of new minimally invasive techniques. The illustrations are concise and the photographs well composed. They should be, as Matthew Morrey began his medical career as a medical illustrator and then moved on to a residency in orthopaedic surgery at the Mayo Clinic.

Unlike many medical textbooks of today, this volume does not come with a companion CD-ROM, which could get lost after a while. Rather, it arrives with its own individual registration code. Once purchasers register on the book’s website, www.mastertechniquesmorrey.com, they have unlimited access to all of the text and PDF and JPG files of all of the illustrations. This access simplifies development of teaching talks for residents and medical students.

Relevant Surgical Exposures is highly recommended for the practicing orthopaedic surgeon and orthopaedic resident.

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