

Furthermore, it has been my endeavour to make this book a faithful reflex of the conclusions I have arrived at after experiences of more than twenty years in these particular branches of medicine and surgery. For surely a personal perspective, based upon ample opportunities for work and observation, should be of greater interest (and possibly value) than a mere collection of data of unequal value. For these reasons I hope my readers will pardon me if only those views or methods of treatment are discussed which are in accordance with my own practical experience.

As the manual is intended for the use of senior students and practitioners, only a few of the more important "references" are given, and these will be found in the text.

It is my earnest hope that due credit has been given to various authors whose writings I have freely consulted.

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