

Preface

Maxillofacial cosmetic surgery, part I



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On a scale that is unprecedented in history, patients are seeking more cosmetic surgical procedures and ways to enhance their looks. There has been much written on this subject, and the voluminous literature can lead to confusion for the beginning cosmetic surgeon. The *Atlas of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics of North America* has devoted two volumes to this subject, and we hope to provide a well-illustrated, technique-oriented format for surgeons. Our goal is to provide basic techniques that will help surgeons get started with the learning process and provide time-tested techniques as examples for the correction of many cosmetic deformities.

The authors are well-trained, experienced surgeons with a wealth of knowledge and expertise. These surgeons offer a culmination of information that represents the treatment techniques they currently use for their patients. These techniques have been developed over a period of years after refining and redefining their treatment goals and techniques. These issues offer suggestions to the most experienced surgeons for the treatment of their patients.

Volumes one and two emphasize technique and are well illustrated in a step-by-step fashion. Volume one begins with patient assessment and covers nasal deformities, contour deformities, and eyelid and ear deformities. One article discusses the latest techniques in chemical peeling and laser resurfacing, which provides readers with the latest information regarding these modalities for skin rejuvenation. Another article is dedicated to anesthetic considerations for cosmetic surgery, because this issue is important for reducing immediate postoperative complications.

Volume two covers soft-tissue deformities of the face along with hair loss. The procedures covered include facelift, brow lift, midface lift, hair transplant, and neck lift. The management of cutaneous deformities of the facial structures is addressed, and the use of laser modalities for their correction is illustrated. An article is dedicated to integrating cosmetic surgery into your practice and the special considerations that must be given to patient flow and privacy.

The authors have worked hard to provide readers with their techniques for addressing problems associated with treatment of the aging face. We hope this issue serves as a valuable guide for the treatment of patients or as a way to be introduced to cosmetic facial surgery in a systematic and well-illustrated manner.

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