

Preface



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Reconstructive surgery for large ablative defects of the maxillofacial region is an integral part of contemporary oral and maxillofacial surgery. Over the last decade, there have been numerous advances and modifications in techniques and methods used in maxillofacial reconstruction. One of the main breakthrough techniques has been the versatility of microvascular free flap reconstruction. Although there are clear indications for local and regional flaps, as well as free bone grafts, the advent of free flaps has had a tremendous impact on maxillofacial reconstruction.

The intent of this two-volume edition of the *Atlas of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics of North America* is to introduce some of the more common methods for reconstruction of the mandible (volume one) and maxillary reconstruction (volume two) following traumatic avulsion or ablative surgery. Each volume begins with a surgical anatomy of the specific region and is followed by specific methods of reconstruction. Emphasis is placed on all aspects of reconstructive modalities, including local and regional flaps, free bone grafting, microvascular free tissue transfer, and prosthetic rehabilitation.

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