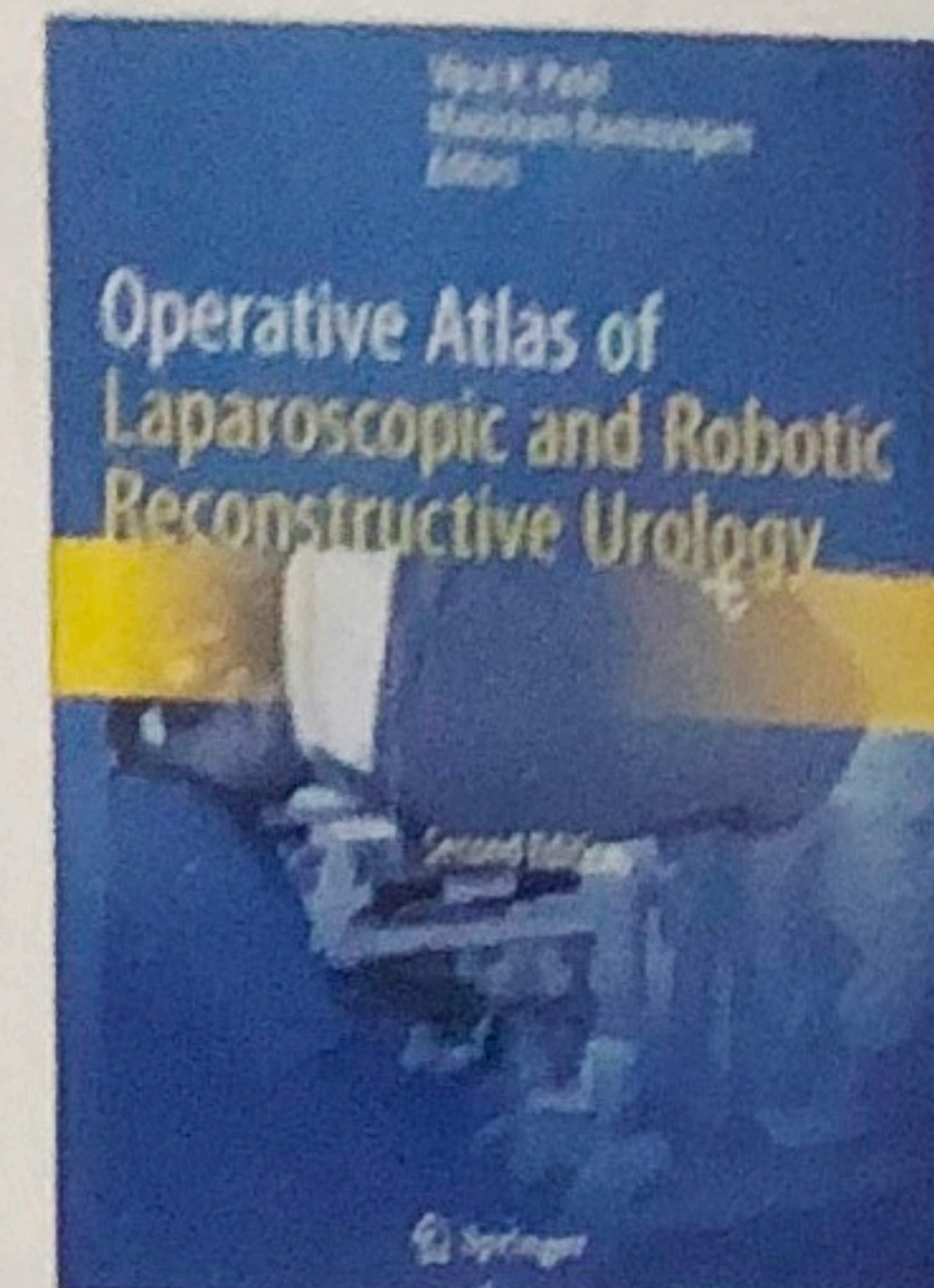


Operative atlas of laparoscopic and robotic reconstructive urology

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Operative Atlas of Laparoscopic and Robotic Reconstructive Urology published in 2017 is the second Edition of this book. Continuing with the success of the first edition which has >68,000 reported downloads of the book as per publisher's website,^[1] the second edition also has all elements of being a high-quality fallback reference book for any minimally invasive reconstructive technique. This book should find its way to the cupboards of most libraries with the extensive pictorial depiction of every step of the entire spectrum of urological reconstructive surgeries. It is not only useful for the residents who are naïve, but also the practitioners who are new or have limited experience in minimally invasive techniques in urology. The atlas format of the book lends itself to easy learning and understanding the steps through high-quality actual surgical images. The book covers the basics of laparo-robotics in its first part and goes on to depict even the rarest of surgeries with full pictorial details. True to the spirit of an atlas, the supporting text is short, relevant, and limited. The book also provides links to 23 videos of common surgeries for better understanding. The book can be a good guide for an upcoming urologist with basic knowledge of laparoscopy but looking for further skill enhancement and adding to personal scope and spectrum of laparoscopy.

The book also includes individual robotic surgeries which were not part of the first edition, besides adding some rarer laparoscopic ones in the second edition. The text of the existing chapters had been appropriately redone, and the images revised. A section of laparoscopic or robotic kidney transplant and female urology procedures is among the highlights of the book. The number of photos provided is just enough, and the sequence of photos is self-explanatory, and it seems easy to follow the chronology of steps at most places without missing a surgical step. I would have liked the legends of images to be a little more descriptive and surgical images to be better marked at some places with arrows

and descriptors; nonetheless, high-resolution clear images are a good substitute. The standard format for all individual chapters makes for easy reading and understanding. With nearly 70% chapters from Dr. Ramalingam and his group, it is a tribute to his commitment to accumulate such a vast profile of imagery and put it in a book format. This book provides a good overview of important steps and relevant text with references for a quick insight into the various procedures.

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