



F. Alan Barber, Scott P. Fischer  
*Surgical Techniques for Shoulder and Elbow*  
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This jewel of a book should sit, dog eared and book marked, on the desk or nightstand of every community orthopaedic surgeon. For within its pages, Drs. Barber and Fischer have assembled a wealth of succinct, practical, and well organized information on the diagnosis, treatment, and surgical procedures for common shoulder and elbow problems. The authors who have contributed to this edition are not only gifted in their areas of expertise, they are teachers and students at heart. Their tips and technical pearls are presented in an easy to read format; their easily decipherable line drawings will assist the surgeon in the operating room.

The first chapter on portals is a must for everyone who does shoulder arthroscopy. It provides a means for surgeons to instruct the operating team. The chapters on acromioclavicular joint, decompression, and os acromial cover the advantages, nuances, and nuisances of these common procedures. The rotator cuff chapters update the reader on the biomechanics and arthroscopic refinement of the diagnosis and treatment of rotator cuff problems. The outline detail of the individual chapters on partial, complete, and massive tears enables the reader to apply an organized approach to a specific patient giving the surgeon the ability to select the best treatment and the potential role of the arthroscope in his or her patient. The same simplified and easy to understand outline format is found in the chapters on instability. The shoulder section ends with review and treatment chapters on stiffness, arthritis, and ganglions. The current status and science of rehabilitation emphasizing the scapula should be shared with physical therapists, athletic trainers, patients, and all who assist the surgeon with rehabilitation.

Similarly, there are chapters on the elbow cover portals, tendonitis, stiffness, and radial head fractures which are frequently encountered by orthopaedic surgeons. The contributing authors to this section describe treatment options for these common conditions.

I commend Drs. Barber and Fischer for creating a current, simple, and quick reference to surgical procedures in the shoulder and elbow. They have brought to this

volume the current state of open and arthroscopic surgery to common shoulder and elbow problems. I recommend this volume to experts and neophytes alike or to any busy surgeon in need of further insight, understanding, or a quick review.

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The surgical management of many shoulder and elbow conditions has rapidly progressed over the last 20 years. An improved understanding of the pathoanatomy and biomechanics has greatly enhanced our ability to treat these problems. Consequently, new surgical techniques often coupled with technological advances have allowed the surgeon to more effectively treat many disorders. Arthroscopic surgery, in particular, has significantly increased our ability to surgically manage many conditions, and with reduced morbidity.

In this book, we have presented a number of shoulder and elbow disorders. Some of these are quite unusual but many are commonly seen in the practice of orthopaedic surgery. This selection of cases was deliberate so as to allow the reader not only the opportunity to critically evaluate the treatment decisions made by the authors in complex or unusual, situations but also a chance to review more straightforward cases because even the treatment of many common shoulder and elbow conditions is controversial.

An attempt has been made in MASTERCASES to present a thorough assessment of the patient. This includes a section on the "History and Physical Examination" along with "Radiologic Findings" and then "Diagnosis." A detailed section on "Surgical Management" outlining the authors, preferred technique is presented, but we have also included a section entitled "Alternative Methods of Management" with the pertinent advantages and disadvantages of these treatment options. In addition, because one is never too experienced to learn techniques or

pick up a few tips from others, a section on “Pearls and Pitfalls” is included as well. Our hope is that this text can be utilized not only as a treatment guide for a number of shoulder and elbow conditions but also as a useful and practical reference to the orthopaedic surgeon.

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