

Foreword

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The 28th Anniversary Edition of Surgical Technology International is an outstanding volume describing a variety of innovative techniques which have already begun to be implemented in operative theatres around the world. The Edition is filled with clinical accounts of technological advancements made in fields from gynecology to neurosurgery, and from cardiovascular to orthopaedic and general surgery.

Surgery is an art which continues to change, its practitioners believing, as did Sir Winston Churchill, that “to improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often”.

Hence surgeons continually ask themselves whether or not there may be a better way to perform every surgical procedure so that outcomes become even more favorable for patients. In their pursuit of excellence in their fields, they not only search for the latest and best materials to use during their operations, but some surgeons themselves also create improvements that benefit their peers and patients.

With this 28th Anniversary Edition, Surgical Technology International renews its commitment to reporting the latest technological innovations in surgery as well as those which are still being researched.

Readers will be enriched with new ideas and concepts when they read this Special Edition. Each article will bring to mind the evolution of scientific truth as described by the philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer: “All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Then, it is violently opposed. Finally, it is accepted as being self-evident”.

I wish all readers of this special Edition a stimulating journey through its pages, a journey during which you will be inspired by the accounts of current developments to imagine materials, techniques, and procedures which remain to be discovered.