

Technique and complications from masters in andrological surgery

“Good decisions come from experience, and experience comes from bad decisions”—author unknown.

Through my brief urologic career, I have most admired those eager and willing to share and describe their surgical complications. Not surprisingly, those that do so are often some of the most gifted and respected surgeons. These surgeons would much rather admit error openly to prevent the same mistakes in the hands of others than hide them to avoid having to admit failure. Through the lens of my experience, I have attempted to assemble authors who I consider masters or pioneers for their respective procedures.

Each article in this special edition features a step-by-step technique description of a surgery in andrology along with the little details and nuances the authors have learned from myriad repetition. I have attempted to combine world class authorities in the field of each technique across institutions and international borders. Not only will the reader learn from these techniques, but they will learn from a detailed description (or potential avoidance) of the authors' little or big complications which helped orchestrate their operative flow into its current symphonic form. I have also book-ended two additional articles that I feel are crucial reads for any surgeon: optimal patient selection and dealing with complications. I hope you find this special edition as valuable to your operative technique and surgical judgment as the experience gained from my mentors have been for mine.

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