

Vascular surgery. Cases, questions and commentaries.

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The editors have devised a very interesting and unique book on vascular surgery. It comprises real-life case histories that highlight common clinical problems encountered in vascular surgery. Each is introduced with a short summary of the case. Thereafter a number of appropriate and searching questions are asked which address many of the important aspects regarding the disease and its management. Finally, the experts comment briefly on the condition, highlighting modern trends and developments.

More than 80 authors from a broad spectrum of centres were recruited to help to write the book. It is easy to read, informative and undoubtedly achieves its goal to help vascular trainees to review the field of vascular surgery. It also helps vascular surgical specialists to expand and refresh their knowledge. The book is not a comprehensive textbook of vascular surgery but will have a place in the library of any institution training general surgical registrars and fellows in vascular surgery. It is also very helpful for the established surgeon interested in vascular surgery particularly because the references to each of the chapters are well considered and represent a modern summary of these subjects.

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