As a visual learner, I was immediately attracted to the layout of this book with its vivid illustrations.

Ninety-seven authors contributed to this book which is divided into nine sections: trauma, arthroscopic and sports medicine, reconstruction, neuromuscular correction, cysts, upper extremity, spine, hip, foot and ankle.

The book has 92 chapters describing the latest operative techniques including the guided growth procedure using an 8-plate by Peter Stevens.

Each chapter has the same format: definition, anatomy, physical examination, pathogenesis, natural history, physical findings, imaging and diagnostic studies, differential diagnoses, non-operative management, surgical management, pearls and pitfalls, postoperative care, outcomes, and complication.

The layout of the text is easy to read with excellent colour illustrations. The section on the pearls and pitfalls of each procedure provides useful practical tips.

The contents of the book are available online using the access code provided.

I have some minor criticisms, for example, several of the intraoperative photographs do not show the anatomical structures clearly.

The metric system of measurement was used but the Kirschner (K) wire sizes were still in imperial units. What is the metric equivalent of a 0.062” K wire? I had to figure this out – its equal to 1.6 mm!

A table at the end of the book illustrates physical examination techniques. However, the caption “Progressive leg-length discrepancy suggests implant subsidence.” is not relevant in the discussion on leg length measurement in children.

Overall this is an excellent book and I highly recommend it.

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