
Preface

Many textbooks already exist in the ever-changing world of spine surgery, few, however, focus on spine trauma. The spine trauma books that are available provide comprehensive historical and mechanistic perspectives on spine trauma with excellent reviews on the thought process and recommendations of treatment. They do not, however, provide the technical information that is often needed in the trauma setting when surgeons must make quick decisions and quick plans for surgical treatment. This is especially important for the junior attending surgeon and, perhaps, for those who do not cover spine trauma on a daily basis. Thus, the focus of this text is exactly that situation. It is meant to be used as a quick reference when planning surgical treatment for spine trauma victims. Internationally renowned authors have been assembled to provide details on the basic steps of trauma care including preoperative planning, patient positioning, equipment needed, surgical steps, postoperative care, and avoidance and treatment of complications. This is a book that every spine surgeon should have as a reference and refresher when covering spine trauma call.

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