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BOOK REVIEW

Title: AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS: SYMPOSIUM ON TRAUMA TO THE LEG AND ITS SEQUELAE

Editor: Tillman M. Moore

Publisher: A. C. V. Mosby Co. Price: £43.25 384 pages

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons have spawned another Symposium – this time on leg injuries based on a continuing Education Course on the subject.

The Editor and Chairman is Tillman M. Moore, Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Southern California School of Medicine.

The book is in four parts:—

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| 1. The Management of Closed Fractures of the leg. | 3. The Management of non unions of the tibial shaft. |
| 2. The Management of Open Fractures of the tibial shaft. | 4. Soft tissue injuries and sequelae of trauma of the leg. |

There are 36 authors whose thoughts on this subject are delivered in 384 pages, divided into 33 chapters. There is an adequate index.

The material comprehensively covers much of modern day thinking on leg injuries and includes biomechanical considerations, intramedullary and plate fixation, including compression, and the use of external fixators, the management of plateau and Plafond fractures and knee injuries, grafting techniques, including fibular transposition, posterior tibial grafting and tibio fibular by-pass grafting. There are sections on cast-bracing, the management of thromboses and compartment syndromes.

Quite surprising is the fact that there is no mention of direct electrical stimulation and pulsed electro-magnetic wave treatment of non unions – now established methods in the orthopaedic armamentarium for the management of delayed and non union of fractures.

The final chapter contains a novel method of repair of rupture of the tendo Achilles by transcutaneous suture, thus avoiding the not infrequent complication of delayed wound healing. This is by Drs. Ma and Griffiths. I heard Dr. Ma give this paper to our travelling club in Hawaii in 1978 and repeat the remark made then – "Ma I love your repair even more than apple pie!"

Criticism is forestalled in the preface by the editor's intelligent observation that "There are some solutions and tentative answers in the text for those who struggle with the vicissitudes of diagnosis and management of these injuries. Unfortunately there are always more problems than solutions, more questions than answers and more "experts" than authorities".

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