BOOK REVIEW

**AO principles of fracture management**, edited by Richard Buckley, Christopher G. Moran and Theerachai Apivathakakul, New York, NY, Thieme Publishers, 2018, pp., ISBN:9783132423091

This third edition of the golden standard of operative fracture care can be considered as the one hard copy every (orthopedic) trauma surgeon in training should invest in.

In the first volume, an extensive overview of the basic principles of operative fracture care is presented. Every topic, from fracture classification and preoperative planning over reduction and fixation principles to soft tissue management and postoperative care, has been covered. A comprehensive overview of older but still relevant and new techniques is given and illustrated by lots of high-quality pictures and illustrations. Furthermore, QR codes at the beginning of each chapter provide access to selected AO digital tools including webcasts, AO Surgery Reference, videos, animations, webinars, AO Skills Lab, AOTrauma STaRT and lectures.

In the second volume, a comprehensive overview of specific fracture care can be found. In this volume, basic principles as well as newest implants and techniques are presented according to each anatomical region. The clear illustrations and links to the online educational tools once again make this book a unique reference work. The addition of some new chapters on knee dislocations, periprosthetic fractures and orthogeriatric fracture care make the book complete.

Due to its high educational properties, it should be recommended to every trauma surgeon involved in the training and education of young residents.

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