Book Review

Yoshihiko Yabuki, 2009. **New Theory and Technique for Nerve-Sparing Radical Hysterectomy, Second Edition.** Medical View, Tokyo, Japan. 191p. Hardbound, ISBN 978-4-7583-1060-4C3047

This atlas distinguished from other surgical atlas in that there are detailed explanation of nerve-sparing radical hysterectomy and abundant color pictures. Therefore, most of authors could understand the principle and procedure of nerve-sparing radical hysterectomy easily, although this atlas was written by Japanese language.

This is a 191-page hardbound book, measuring 30.5×21.5 cm. The author is Yoshihiko Yabuki, famous for the achievement of the nerve-sparing radical hysterectomy in Japan.

The book is composed of two parts, pelvic anatomy and surgery. The author reviewed the pelvic anatomy related to conventional radical hysterectomy and then comprehensively explained the neurovascular anatomy for the nerve-sparing radical hysterectomy with detailed description and pictures. Following chapters were given for the comprehensive operation technique. The author reviewed conventional radical hysterectomy at first, and then compared it with the nerve-sparing radical hysterectomy step by step. The author has kindly indicated all the anatomic landmarks in the photographs, which will be instructive to readers. Although surgical technique could not be learned by atlas or book alone, deepening the basic concept and procedural knowledge will be a concrete basis of the operation. Thus, the author had paid all the efforts to give the basic anatomy to the surgical anatomy and conventional radical procedure to nerve-sparing procedure in one book.

In conclusion, this book will serve as an instructive guidance for gynecologic oncology surgeons who wish to learn nerve-sparing radical hysterectomy. I recommend this atlas not only to surgical trainees but also senior practitioners who

seek useful teaching resources. Lastly, I hope English version will be published in the future.

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