

# Preface

Pediatric urology has rapidly developed as a separate subspeciality in the last decade. During this time, significant advances in technology and instrumentation have meant that more procedures can be performed by the minimally invasive route. However, access to and availability of adequate training facilities and resources continues to hinder surgeons in acquiring experience and expertise in minimally invasive techniques in pediatric urology. This handbook, with its DVD, addresses these issues.

The aim of this handbook and DVD is to enable surgeons to carry out commonly performed minimally invasive pediatric urological procedures. It has been organized systematically for quick reference to each topic of interest. The chapters encompass the majority of commonly performed pediatric endourological procedures in a standardized format. A list of relevant references is given at the end of each chapter. Details of individual pediatric urological conditions are not covered, as there are several excellent texts on the subject. All the techniques demonstrated on the accompanying DVD are from the contributor's own practice. In some instances, the technique demonstrated may reflect the author's personal preference. This handbook/DVD is not only useful to pediatric urologists but also to pediatric surgeons, general surgeons, and adult urologists – that is, to any surgeon or surgeon in training who has an interest in minimally invasive surgery.

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