Differentiating Surgical Instruments
Synopsis
Take a close-up look at the tips of over 700 cutting, clamping, grasping, retracting, and other surgical instruments to help students clearly and effectively distinguish among them. "Surgical technology instructors have been in great need of a text like this one." -- Susan W. Boggs, RN, BSN, CNOR, Surgical Technology Program, Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood, South Carolina "I wish Differentiating Surgical Instruments was available when I was a student, its concepts and planning has created the most user friendly surgical instrument book I have seen. As a Surgical Technology Program Director I look forward to my future student benefiting from this book in the classroom and as training tool in central sterile supply for years to come. Differentiating Surgical Instruments has set the bar for future Surgical Instrumentation textbooks." -- Kevin R. Craycraft, CST, Surgical Technology Program, Central Kentucky Technical College, Lexington, Kentucky "The book is very well thought out. It includes everything necessary to make this the instrument book of the future." -- Judith Schatte, RN, CNOR, CRNFA, Brevard Community College, Cocoa, FL

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Customer Reviews
Of the several books I own on surgical instrumentation, this one has the most clear and useful pictures of the instruments. The spiral binding is student-friendly and the info on each picture is a helpful study guide. I would recommend this book to anyone trying to learn their instruments.
I bought a few books that deal w/ this subject when I got a new job as an OR nurse. This book is the best at allowing a person to study instrument recognition without having to have the actual instrument to refer to. I was able to go to work, scrub in, and w/ very few exceptions, know exactly what I was looking at.

The title led me to believe the book would go into depth regarding the subtleties in differentiating between instruments which are very much alike. Instead, the book acts as a good text for the surgical tech student who is still working on getting the basics under his belt. Instruments aren’t really differentiated in the book so much as listed with pictures according to specialty. It’s good as a general reference, but not for any detailed study.

Anyone who needs help with surgical instruments this is a very good book. It has pictures of the instruments far away and up close so you can see the tips.

I bought this book for a class and it was very informative. It helped quite a bit when it came to studying for tests. The pictures help distinguish between different instruments because some of them look alike. I would highly recommend this book.

I work in sterile processing, this really helped in learning the instrument names. It covers more than the flashcards did, which are great too by the way to know the basics. Whether it will prepare you for the OR, I couldn’t say, I’m not a surgeon, nurse, or surgical tech. It does help us in central service to make sure that the OR has the right instruments in the first place.

This book is extremely detailed and a knowledgeable good book. The pictures are very clear and the instruments look like what we practice with at school.

Excellent reference. Good pictures of the instrument & instrument tip. Also provides alias names, dimensions & instrument uses. If Rutherford would vastly expand this reference, to include many more instruments, this would be an essential component of any OR nurse’s library.

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