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I hav finally kum to the konklusion, 
that a good reliable sett ov bowels 
iz wurth more tu a man, than enny 
quantity ov brains.

Josh Billings
(early American aphorism)
Comprehensive Manuals of Surgical Specialties is a series of surgical manuals designed to present current operative techniques and to explore various aspects of diagnosis and treatment. The series features a unique format with emphasis on large, detailed, full-color illustrations, schematic charts and photographs to demonstrate integral steps in surgical procedures.

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The surgeon who desires an atlas of techniques covering operations on
the colon and rectum almost surely prefers a concise volume rather than
an encyclopedic compilation of the innumerable procedures that have been
described in the literature. This book includes the operations that have
proved to be useful and have survived the test of time. They now are in
general use in the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Space limitations have necessitated exclusion of detailed illustrations
of a number of infrequently performed procedures, such as pelvic exenter­
ation for cancer of the rectum. In such instances bibliographic references
have been provided for ready reference. The bibliography emphasizes
recent contributions because they are easily available to the reader.

Critical comments by the authors concerning certain technical pro­
cedures may be due to personal bias and certainly do not imply that the
alternative methods are undesirable. Furthermore, the brevity of discus­
sion of anatomy, physiology, and pathology and the neglect of details of
medical therapy of numerous colorectal diseases must be attributed to the
fact that this volume is directed primarily toward the practicing surgeon.

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