Endoscopic Surgery in Infants and Children
Dedication

“Love for children through technology”
Since the breakthrough of endoscopic surgical procedures in medicine at the end of the 1980s and the beginning of the 1990s, there has been an enormous evolution in endoscopic surgery, not only in general surgery but also in pediatric surgery. By now most of the operations that were classically performed in an open way have been described in an endoscopic surgical variant. Concomitantly the equipment, telescopes and instruments have evolved very much as well. More recently robot endoscopic surgery has entered the field.

The present book is the successor of the book "Endoscopic Surgery in Children", which appeared in 1999 and which was also published by Springer. The present book has expanded, not only in format but also in the number of procedures described and in its layout. The main intention of the book is to give surgeons a reference for when they want to embark on endoscopic surgical procedures that they have not carried out before. The book concentrates on the technique, which is explained and illustrated in detail. Experts from all over the world have contributed to the book. The Editorial Board would like to thank them for the excellent job they have done. Some differences in techniques between the authors may emerge as the various authors present their personal techniques. They may also have different views regarding indications. These differences reflect reality in medicine.

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