

Advances in Plastination Techniques

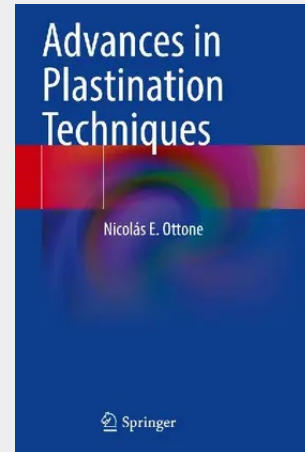
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This original book describes in detail and in an updated way the plastination techniques for the conservation of human and animal biological material, demonstrating the applications in teaching and research of anatomy, morphological sciences and health sciences. The didactic chapters present the history and the fundamentals of plastination techniques (steps, equipment, supplies, material, temperature), as well as its clinical, surgical and research applications. The work also features biosafety issues and provides Ethical Considerations in Plastination.

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