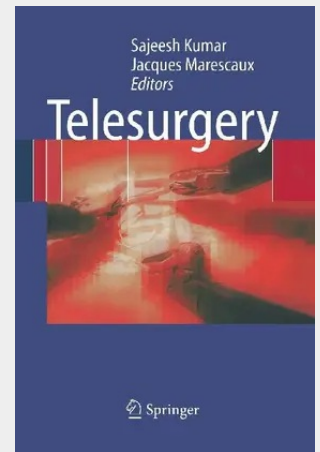


Telesurgery

Written by experts from the USA, Europe, Australia and Asia, this book explains technical issues related to telesurgery as well as digital information processing and provides collective experiences from practitioners in different parts of the world practicing a wide range of telesurgery applications. The book lays the foundation for the globalization of surgical procedures, making it possible to know that a surgeon could perform an operation on a patient anywhere in the world.

Developments in telesurgery are progressing at great speed. As a consequence, there is need for a broad overview of the field. This first-ever book on telesurgery is presented in such a way that should make it accessible to anyone, independent of his or her knowledge of technology. The text is designed to be useful for professionals, including surgeons, nurses, allied health professionals, and computer scientists, and not just medical practitioners. In a very short time, driven by technical developments, the field of telesurgery has become too extensive to be covered by only a small number of experts. Therefore, Telesurgery has been written with chapter contributions from a host of renowned international authorities in telesurgery (see the Table of Contents and the List of Contributors). This ensures that subject matter focusing on recent advances in telesurgery is truly up to date. Our guiding hope during this task was that as editors of multiple chapters and authors, we could still write with a single voice and keep the content coherent and simple. We hope that the clarity of this book makes up for any limitations in its comprehensiveness.



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