

BOOK REVIEW: Healing war wounds of the extremities

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At the beginning of 2018, full professor dr. Zoran Golubović, an orthopedic surgeon from the Medical Faculty of the University of Niš, published the monograph "Treatment of war wounds of the extremities". This monograph is a specific publication in the field of war injuries to the extremities. In it, the basic principles of the occurrence and consequent surgical treatment of the mentioned war injuries are presented in a professional and clear way.

The monograph is dedicated to fighters, wounded, doctors, medical technicians as well as other medical and non-medical staff who participated in the treatment and care of the wounded.

The monograph has a general and a special part.

The mechanisms of injuries and the basic principles of treatment of injuries inflicted by high and low initial velocity projectiles are presented in general. The chapter is illustrated with photographs and X-rays taken after the wound and during treatment.

The special part shows gunshot wounds to the feet, lower legs, thighs, pelvis, spine, hands, forearms, upper arms, collarbones and

extremity joints. Along with each of the mentioned regions, individual cases and ways of their treatment are described. In that way, more than 80 wounded were shown with characteristic injuries of the mentioned regions. As a special chapter, war polytrauma, blast and crash injuries, as well as complications such as infections, gas gangrene, non-healing of gunshot fractures and others are treated.

The monograph has 467 pages and 1066 pictures, tables and graphs.

Along with the used literature, the names of health workers who participated in the treatment of the wounded are also listed.

The monograph is intended for medical students, general practitioners, specialists in surgery, orthopedics, vascular, plastic and reconstructive surgery, and other health professionals. Its goal is to provide basic and most important information from war surgery, diagnostics and treatment of war injuries of the extremities and to present the acquired experiences of importance for war and peacetime traumatology.

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