

## Book review

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### Functional and Selective Neck Dissection

By J. Gavilan, J. Herranz, L. W. DeSanto and C. Gavilan, Thieme Medical Publishers, New York and Stuttgart, RRP £130, ISBN USA 1588900169, ISBN The rest of the world 3131246316

This is a well written and nicely illustrated book describing the authors' rationale and technique for functional neck dissection. It is introduced with a thorough description of the history and evolution of the various types of procedure. The clinical, anatomical and conceptual basis of functional neck dissection are discussed at length. A step by step account of the operative technique in functional neck dissection is then given, but there is little dis-

cussion on other forms of the operation. This is followed by chapters on surgical pitfalls and complications, which complement the operative chapter well. It concludes with a chapter of answers to questions frequently asked of the authors at lectures, and an extensive reading list.

Although the emphasis on the Latin roots and concepts of this particular variant of neck dissection is rather heavy, it is lavishly illustrated with colour line drawings and clear intraoperative photographs. Overall, this is a good reference for this fundamental oncological procedure and well worth a place on the shelves of a departmental library or in a trainees study.

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