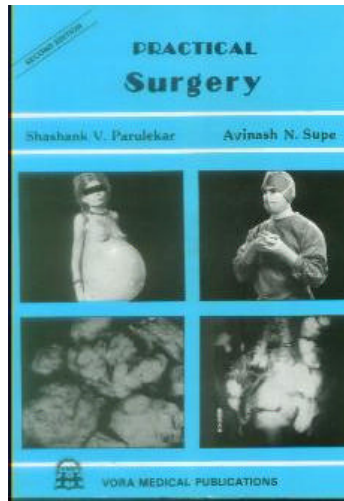


## Practical Surgery



This book deal- with the practical aspects of Surgery. Considering the fact that the theory and practical examinations carry equal marks it is surprising that while there are countless number of books on the theoretical aspects of the subject, there are very few on the practical aspects. There are books that deal with different aspects of practical surgery, but there is not one that deals with all the aspects together. We started thinking of such a book when we were medical students and kept hoping that it would be written by somebody before we appeared for our final examinations. Unfortunately that was not to be. We felt the need for such a book again during our postgraduate studies and also when we started teaching medical students. It was when we

started examining medical students and found that they often did not know about practical Surgery all that they ought to know, that we decided to write this book.

Ideally a! medical colleges should have a complete instrument library, a good pathology museum, a good collection of radiographs and ultrasonographs; a good input of patients and busy operation theatres so that the student can learn the subject well. Unfortunately instruments from teaching collections are sometimes lost or broken, radiographs and ultrasonographs are damaged, misplaced or lost, and pathology specimens age even when preserved well. This book is planned to help students who have to learn under circumstances that leave much to be desired. It is not a substitute for the outpatient departments, wards and operation theatres, but it is rather an aid to learning in these places.

The student's knowledge of the subject is tested in practical examinations by asking questions on instruments, drugs, pathological specimens, cases, operations, and radiographs. We have dealt with all these in detail in this book. An introductory note has been written at the beginning of each section to explain the approach the student should adopt for discussion of that part of the examination Illustrations give life to a book that deals with the practical aspects of a subject, and hence we have included a large number of illustrations in this book. We would have liked to include many more but refrained from doing so for fear of making the book voluminous.