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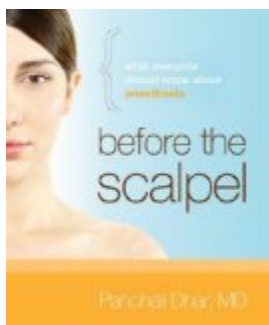


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Assistant Anesthesiologist

September 19th, 2010

Before the Scalpel: What Everyone Should Know About Anesthesia



Before the Scalpel: What Everyone Should Know about Anesthesia demystifies the issues surrounding the types and uses of anesthesia and addresses common fears about wakefulness and pain. Straightforward language, real-life examples, photographs and illustrations guide you. Individual chapters focus on how anesthesia is used in plastic and cosmetic surgery, labor, and for dental care. Other chapters explore the special needs of babies and children, how surgeons and anesthesiologists have adapted their techniques in response to growing obesity rates, and discuss how to avoid post-operative nausea and vomiting. Throughout the book, Dr. Dhar carefully flags issues directly affecting your medical care. Each chapter ends with an invaluable checklist.

Rating: ★★★★★(out of 8 reviews)

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September 19, 2010 at 11:09 am

I found Dr. Dhars "Before the Scalpel" one of the most patient empowering books to date. A must read before any anesthetic procedure. This book explains step by step what is involved for the patient and the patients' rights. If you or someone you know is planning any kind of surgery get this book now. You'll feel better because knowledge is power, Patient Power.

Nancy Lombardo host of Comedy Concepts Blog Talk Radio

Score: ★★★★★

by Nancy Lombardo

Midwest Book Review

September 19, 2010 at 11:54 am

Surgery is no laughing matter. "Before the Scalpel: What Everyone Should Know About Anesthesia" is an informative reference on the absolutely vital knowledge one must have before facing any type of surgery involving anesthesia, which is used in most types of serious surgery, from delivering children to plastic surgery to dental work. Seeking to adequately prepare potential patients or friends and family of patients, "Before the Scalpel" should strongly be considered.

Score: ★★★★★

by Midwest Book Review

September 19, 2010 at 12:05 pm

Since reading this book, I have had surgery twice and my daughter and niece each had surgery once. Since we are usually very healthy, this could have been quite traumatic. Anesthesia was my main concern, but Dr. Dhar's book answered all my questions, leaving me calm and able to sleep peacefully through my own surgery and wait with less anxiety through my daughter's surgery. I highly recommend this book for anyone contemplating surgery.

Score: ★★★★★

by Rebecca Nielsen

September 19, 2010 at 12:55 pm

It's simple, the book told me what my doctor didn't. It answered all my questions and questions I didn't even know enough to ask. They say every patient should be an informed patient, at least now I know what to expect and what to ask.

Score: ★★★★★

by Rocket

September 19, 2010 at 1:11 pm

I recently had surgery. I took this book with me to the hospital and read it while I was in the holding area. I must say I got some odd looks. Dr. Panchali Dhar M.D. offers reads some much need information. She discusses the role of the anesthesiologist. Her writing style is concise, and easy to read. Even I could understand the terminology and text. You should read this book before surgeries...don't wait until you are in the holding room. She discusses procedure, medications, etc. It made me aware that I had no idea who would be my anesthesiologist until 30 minutes or less before my surgery. The same doctors were moving from one patient to another. I was aware of what a grueling schedule they have and yes it brought me a tiny bit of concern.

Dr. Dhar continues her book by discussing special needs, such as children and the elderly. I had no idea what questions I should ask. Thanks to Dr. Dhar, I knew and most them she had already answered. This book is well done and should be on your bookshelf.

Score: ★★★★★

by Readers Favorite

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