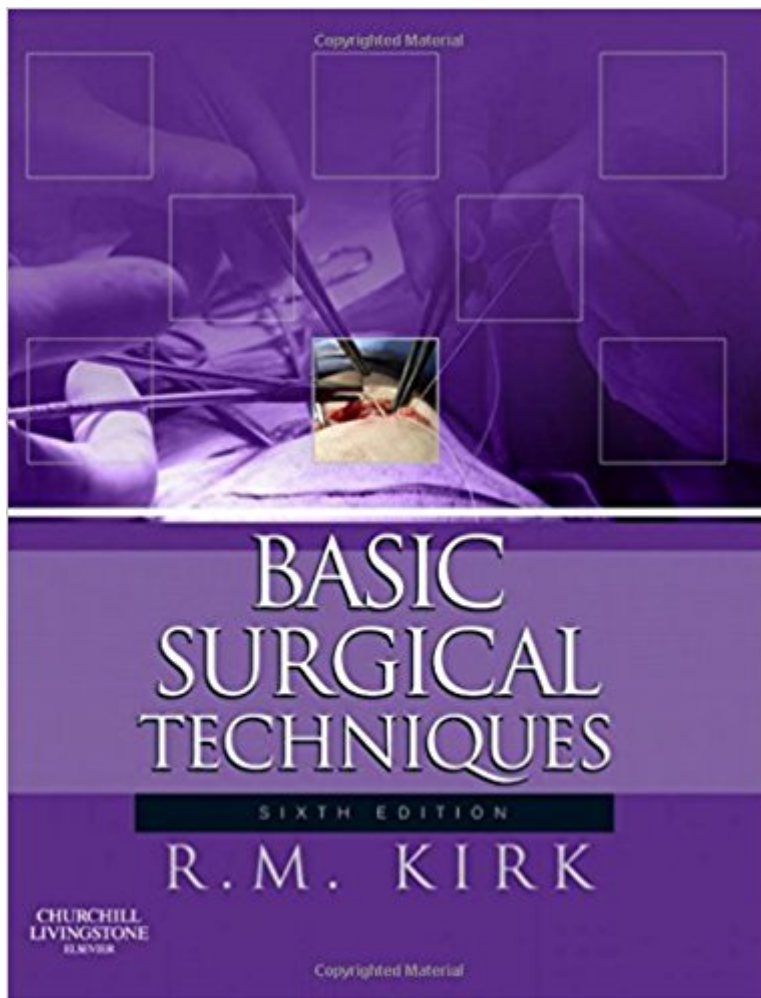


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# Basic Surgical Techniques, 6e



## Synopsis

The Sixth Edition of this highly regarded title for surgical trainees gives clear, concise guidance on all aspects of acquiring surgical skills to ensure operative success. The full range of surgical procedures is comprehensively reviewed in a clear 'how-to-do-it'™ style, which consolidates the skills learnt both in theatre and on training courses. This new edition has been completely updated throughout, with all the illustrations redrawn in full colour. Each chapter is introduced with a key points box, which briefly summarises the major issues that are covered. International experts from the Middle East, Australia, Asia, North America and Europe have reviewed and added their comments to the text. Provides guidance on the full range of surgical techniques required by all trainee surgeons. Concentrates on the main principles behind the use of the surgical techniques "Key Points" boxes throughout provide hints and tips to reinforce the main aspects of each technique. Now presented in full colour with all illustrations redrawn to add detail and clarity and to bring all the information fully up to date. A comprehensively updated text takes account of new developments in surgical techniques and equipment. A new final chapter on surgical craftsmanship brings the skills all together for the surgeon in the operating theatre, uniting and applying the relevant factors in the correct sequence and focussing on getting it right first time.

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"an exceptionally well-written book that appropriately meets the needs of its target audience in a concise manner. I would recommend this book to surgical trainees and it has certainly met the author's aims." Annals of the RCS, June 2011

Jerry Kirk has an excellent reputation as an accomplished surgical writer and editor. He has an unparalleled editing style which allows for clear, concise and to-the-point communication. Although fairly advanced in years, he continues to take an extremely active role in both the Royal College of Surgeons and at the Royal Free Hospital, where he is an Emeritus Consultant. He is highly thought of throughout the UK, Europe and developing world, where the "Kirkname" carries a significant weight. He is the author of several other Churchill Livingstone titles, including General Surgical Operations, and Clinical Surgery in General. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A doctor gave me the fourth edition of this book, and I read it prior to starting my med school surgery clerkship. Others have commented about how this book teaches knot tying skills, but I think its strongest feature is that it helped me understand the approach to different tissues. I understood why surgeons chose one tool over another and how they handled different situations. As a result, I was able to predict some of their upcoming moves, their choice of sutures and suturing patterns, and better follow along in the OR without wondering why things were done the way they were. When surgeons deviated from what I expected, I was able to ask intelligent questions to find out why and learn. This book contains foundational surgical knowledge, and understanding it is like knowing the rules to a game--it lets you participate at a greater level rather than trying to figure out what is going on. It will help you stay engaged in the surgeries and better help out. Although this book is written more for residents than students, it's short enough to be in my opinion a good use of time for students, especially if you're interested in a surgical specialty. There are also practical tips for students like how to stand and position oneself to be maximally steady and how to hold tools. Reading this book probably won't help your shelf score, but it will enable you to better participate in the OR. I found this book fascinating, and to my surprise it helped me really shine during my surgery rotation. On my first day in the OR my chief resident remarked that I showed more natural aptitude than any other student or intern she had met. My skill came not from any intrinsic abilities of my own but rather from knowing how things were supposed to be done and what to pay attention to, which this book taught me. I found Basic Surgical Techniques so helpful that I've recommended it highly and gifted it to other med students. The only shortcoming is that it shows a slightly more complicated way to throw a two-handed square knot. The result is technically correct, but you'll probably see more surgeons using an approach like the one illustrated if you do a google search for "how to tie a two handed surgical knot." The simpler technique has the added benefit of

being easier to double loop like you'd do when throwing a surgeon's rather than square knot. My only suggestion is to read this book through before starting your surgery rotation for maximal benefit.

For when civilization crashes and somebody in your family gets appendicitis. Or you have to amputate a limb.

## THIS WAS A TREMENDOUS HELP

Great descriptions and explanations behind basic surgical techniques

great book overall. covers the nuances of throwing knots that isn't really covered in other books. wish it had more eponyms and historical context in it though, but that's just me.

Being a surgery intern this book has been of immense value especially since I am a left-hander in a surgical world of right-handers.

All the lil surgical tricks you needed to know and you were afraid to ask (or the attending was relentlessly denying to reveal)! Concise yet comprehensive, an ideal partner for any hands-on seminar or even for self-study before entering whichever operation. Highly recommended for students interested in surgery, interns, residents and chief residents.

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