

Colposcopy concerns the study of surface epithelium at the cervix, vagina and vulva along with the underlying stromal connective tissue and its vascular network, to help locate changed or abnormal cells. This procedure is not only a useful diagnostic tool for evaluating women who have had abnormal PAP smears and delineating the location, size and extent of the lesion for targeted biopsies and directed treatment, but must be considered as an extension of the routine gynecological checkup which deserves widespread use.

In this monograph, we have decided to avoid details regarding description of the colposcope, colposcopic terminology, procedures for colposcopic examination, techniques for cervical biopsy, treatment modalities for cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN), suggestions for preventing errors in the colposcopic assessment of the cervix, the merits and demerits of colposcopy and so on, masterfully treated in other books, in order to give space to some diagrams and the many pictures concerning physiology of the cervix, vulvar and perianal lesions, cervico-vaginal infections, metaplastic changes, dysplastic conditions, cancer and rare colposcopic findings.

This monograph contains a full set of more than 500 colpophotographs, some correlated wet mount microphotographs and diagrammatic representations, along with detailed captions, providing a useful, quick or in-depth consultation for postgraduates, gynecologists, health professionals, pathologists, biologists as well as, novices and advanced colposcopists.

We hope that this monograph will be beneficial in meeting these goals.

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